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Haden Hill House's development officer Alison Hyatt getting into the mood for the 1970s event

Haden Hill House goes back to '70s

VISITORS to Haden Hill House are invited to take a step back in time to the 1970s for a special fun event.

Youngsters can play on spacehoppers and make their own punk hairdos, while adults can enjoy live 70s music and relive some of the dance crazes of that decade. There will also be an It's a Knockout competition and vehicles from the 1970s will be on show.

The event will be held at the house in Halesowen Road, Cradley Heath, on Sunday from noon to 4pm.

There will also be face painting and children's entertainment.

For more information call 01384 569444.

Caretaker in court

A SCHOOL caretaker has been suspended following allegations of a sexual assault on a child.

Lawrence Young, who worked at the 2,300-pupil Great Barr School, will stand trial in August accused of 11 sexual offences.

Young, aged, 45, of Perry Wood Road, Great Barr, has denied all the charges, which are said to have taken place between 2003 and 2006.

New bin days planned

SANDWELL residents will be given a new bin collection day later this month. For the first time all residents will have their normal refuse bin, recycling blue-lidded bin, and garden waste collected on the same day of the week. Residents will receive a leaflet informing them of their new collection day next week.

SHOPKEEPERS SEE TAKINGS HALVED

TRADE HIT HARD BY PIPE WORK

SHOPS in Bearwood have seen takings plummet by as much as 50 per cent due to roadworks which are set to last another six weeks.

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Some independent retailers in Bearwood Road say they have been left fearing for their futures.

A one-way system is in place to enable Staffordshire Water to fit a 3,937 ft water main. The job, which started more than two weeks ago, has meant drivers can only go one way in Bearwood Road from the junction with Three Shires Oak Road, and Sandon Road, where it meets Waterloo Road. Traffic is then diverted via Church Road, Stanhope Road, Thimblemill Road and Three Shires Oak Road.

Bill Webber, of Bearwood Pets on Bearwood Road, said he has seen his trade drop by half compared to last year.

He said: "The roadworks have made a dramatic difference to trade. I mean last week I didn't even sell one tropical fish, which is really unusual.

"The thing is people don't want to drive round here when the road is like this, they don't want to go along the long diversion and they can't find anywhere to park.

Crunch

"Last year we were struggling because of the credit crunch and this year we have this.

"The thing is I know there is not a lot we can do about it, the work has to be done.

"I will look into getting some compensation if it is offered."

Rehaan Hussain, who owns Rehaan Barbers, said: "I am worried about how I am going to pay my rent and rates. Even if I just got a couple of customers in at least I could pay the electricity but I have just had not one."

Michael Northhall's, of Northall's Electrical Wholesalers, said: "I am not getting passing trade. It is worrying."

Fatal car crash minutes after break-in

Man killed in collision with a 'getaway' car

A 24-year-old man died and another man was seriously injured in a car crash in Oldbury as suspected thieves fled the scene of a burglary.

Churchbridge was closed for five hours from 1am on Monday following the smash between a Subaru Impreza and Fiat Qubo.

It is believed the Subaru had been involved in a burglary at the Co-op in Tame Road minutes earlier.

Police were called to the scene after a passer-by spotted a break-in.

The driver of the Fiat suffered fatal injuries and died later in Sandwell General Hospital. Two passengers were taken to Sandwell Hospital by ambulance following the crash.

One 44-year-old passenger received non-life threatening injuries and a third man received minor injuries.

Police say the occupants of the Subaru fled the scene. Officers were called to the store at 12.54am after a member of the public reported a suspected break-in.

Officers said they later arrested two teenagers nearby on suspicion of burglary. One of them, a 16-year-old, was treated for arm and facial injuries in Sandwell Hospital.

Sergeant Ferris Hatheson, from West Midlands Police Collision Investigation Unit, said: "We appeal for any witnesses to the burglary, or the collision, to come forward to help with our inquiries into this incident."

Anyone with information should call West Midlands Police on 0345 113 5000.

Thief battered pensioner in her home

A 68-year-old woman was badly beaten during a "nasty" robbery, police have revealed.

The woman was left with facial injuries at her home in Great Barr.

She had been beaten by a man who forced his way into her home.

He escaped with cash and jewellery, running across Beeches Road in the direction of Hassop Road.

The woman was taken to hospital and later released following treatment.

The robbery took place at about 3pm on May 11 but police only released details about the attack last week.

Community

Detective Constable Phil Langstone, leading the investigation, said: "This was a nasty robbery which resulted in a 68-year-old woman being badly beaten in her own home for the sake of some cash and jewellery.

"This sort of crime will not be tolerated and I would ask the local community to help us identify this man and bring him to justice."

The thug is described as white, 5ft 8ins tall and of slim build. He had short, light brown hair and a small amount of stubble.

He was wearing a green bomber jacket, light green baseball cap, blue jeans and black and white trainers. He may also have been carrying a pink carrier bag.

Anyone with information should call 0345 1135000 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555111.

Getting ready for a fundraising event in aid of youngsters like Great Barr boy Alfie Bates at Walsall Football Club are (back), Alfie's aunt Michelle Spencer and father Lee Bates, showing signed Wolves and Birmingham City shirts that will be auctioned. Front right is young Alfie Bates with his brother Charlie and mother Alex

Fundraising event is all about Alfie and others with diabetes

A FAMILY from Great Barr are pulling out all the stops to raise £5,000 for youngsters with diabetes.

Three-year-old Alfie Bates, who was diagnosed with diabetes when he was just 18 months old, has inspired his aunt, Michelle Spencer, and the rest of his family to host a charity night for the cause.

The event will be held at The Stadium Suite, at Walsall Football Club, on Bescot Crescent, on Saturday, July 2, from 7.30pm until 1am.

In aid of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, the family hope to raise money towards studies into an artificial pancreas which could stop youngsters having to undergo injections four times a day.

Michelle said: "I never appreciated how diabetes affects babies and young children but it is so much harder because they can't always tell you if they are feeling unwell.

Normal

"Alfie having diabetes has been a huge learning curve for the whole family and now we want to do what we can to help him and all the other young sufferers have as normal a childhood as possible."

There will be live entertainment, a magician, free prize draw and auction. Tickets, which include a hot buffet, are £20 for adults, £10 for children (aged 10 to 15) and £5 for younger children. Donations are asked on behalf of youngsters aged three and under.

Those wanting to book a place should e-mail lee.diabetesfundraising@googlemail.com or call Michelle on 07743322390. Or to make a donation visit www.justgiving.com/lee-bates.

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Star role

MUSIC and drama student Dale Phillips from West Bromwich is to take the title role in the musical Bugsy Malone after beating 260 youngsters to the role in New Alexandra Theatre's annual Stage Experience production.

The 18-year-old, of Victoria Street, is one of four pupils from George Salter Academy to be offered parts in the show staged in Birmingham from August 25 to 27.

Cost of school dinners rising

THE price of school meals in Sandwell is set to rise for the second consecutive year.

The move means a family with two children face paying £80 more per year than they did two years ago – and bosses have warned the cost will increase again next year.

Sandwell Council says the rise of 50p per child, per week, is unavoidable due to the increasing cost of ingredients. The rise mirrors an identical increase imposed 12 months ago.

A report to education chief Brian Aldridge says: "Based on the number of meals served in 2010/11, a 10p price increase per meal is required for the service to break even.

Subsidised

"The school meal price has previously been heavily subsidised (but that) has now ended and this leaves no alternative but to increase the price. A further increase will be required from September 2012."

The rise, due to come into force on August 1, will affect the 11,000 pupils.

Crossing call

THOUSANDS of pounds could be earmarked for making a road crossing safer in Wednesbury.

People living in College Close have collected a petition of 36 signatures asking for a pedestrian refuge to be installed in the middle of the road at the junction with Woden Road South. It comes after concerns were raised about lorries using the junction to perform U-turns.

Sandwell's neighbourhood services boss Councillor Derek Rowley was considering the request this week. It would cost £5,000 and be funded by the road safety interventions fund.

Careless driving is denied

A WOMAN from Great Barr has pleaded not guilty to causing the death of an 88-year-old pensioner by careless driving.

Margaret Bambrick, aged 51, of Appleton Avenue, entered the plea at Warley Magistrates Court on Friday.

Died

The court heard that Bambrick's black Renault Clio struck Ronald Palmer in Ferndale Avenue, Great Barr, at 8am on February 16. Mr Palmer died at the scene.

Bambrick, dressed in a smart black suit and skirt, was supported by relatives in court and spoke only to confirm her name and address and enter the plea.

She was released on unconditional bail and will next appear before magistrates on August 5 when her case will be sent to Wolverhampton Crown Court for trial.

Asda plan store on site of former pub

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SUPERMARKET giant Asda is planning to build a new store at the site of a former landmark pub, which has been demolished.

The development, stretching over 11,000 sq ft, will be created in Hagley Road West, Oldbury, on the site of the old Kings Highway pub.

It was originally going to be a Netto store but this proposal never came about after Asda paid £778 million to take over the Netto grocery chain, in a bid to close the gap on the market leader Tesco.

Asda has refused to reveal key details about the planned store, such as what exactly it will include, when it will be completed, or how many people will be employed.

But Netto has previously said its plans would create up to 40 jobs – 20 to 25 full-time and 10 to 15 part-time.

Asda spokeswoman Emma Cameron said: "We plan to open an 11,000 sq ft supermarket and will be seeking planning permission to do this.

"We look forward to bringing our every day low prices to Quinton."

The Kings Highway was empty for about a year before it was demolished but it had been badly vandalised and fire damaged.

Netto's original plans attracted controversy before eventually gaining planning permission.

Opposition

A petition of 1,282 signatures and 21 letters of objection were submitted in opposition to the plan.

However, Old Warley councillor Steve Trow welcomed the involvement of the supermarket giant in the development.

"It will be an additional amenity.

"I hope Asda will be looking to create jobs and opportunities for those who live locally."

Lucky escape at church

Steeplejacks at work on the clock face at Holy Trinity Church

CHURCHGOERS had a lucky escape when loose masonry crashed to the ground outside a West Bromwich church.

Vicar Neil Robbie found a sandstone rose outside the entrance to Holy Trinity Church.

It had fallen from the clock face during the night and shattered on the ground before the weekend before last Sunday service.

The doors had to be cordoned off due to fears more debris could fall onto people below.

Builders were then called in to examine the building, on Burlington Road, which dates back to 1840, and steeplejacks climbed the church to take a closer look.

Rev Robbie said: "The sandstone rose that had come off was about the size of a volleyball but was literally smashed to pieces.

"It looked like someone had dropped a bag of flour.

"It had fallen off overnight but had it come down in the morning it could have killed someone."

Steeplejacks found much of the decorative work around the steeple's clock face had come loose and have since had to remove it.

The vicar's wife Amanda Robbie said: "The sandstone had weathered and suffered the effects of pollution since the church was built in 1840, and the stone had started to crumble.

"The team of steeplejacks had to abseil down the tower to check all the stone decorations.

"The original chunks that fell off came from a decorative arch over the church clock.

Chunks

"When the men went to check the rest of that particular arch, large chunks crumbled in their hands. They have subsequently removed as much as they can from that side."

Access to the church is now back to normal.

Bosses are now working out what to do about replacing the decorative stone, which protects the clock face.

Holy Trinity has recently undergone a scheduled five- year inspection, with a report highlighting a number of other areas where work is needed.

Phone robber who preyed on teenagers is locked up

A PROLIFIC thief who has spent a decade stealing mobile phones has been locked up for targeting youngsters during a four-day crime spree.

Mark Watkinson threatened to kill two 13-year-old boys if they refused to hand over their phones during one attack.

The 27-year-old has been jailed for 20 months after it emerged he had a string of convictions for committing similar offences throughout the Black Country.

Wolverhampton Crown Court heard on Friday that Watkinson, of Lysway Street, Walsall, attacked his first victim February 19. He was with a woman when the pair asked to use the phone of an 18-year-old student who was walking towards Walsall town centre. They then disappeared with the device.

Threatened

The following day, Watkinson stole the phones of two 13-year-olds in Holyhead Road, West Bromwich. He threatened to kill them.

A further offence took place on Newland Road, Tipton on February 22 when a 15-year-old had his phone taken. Later that day, two 15-year-old girls had their phones stolen by Watkinson as they walked in Heath Lane, West Bromwich.

Prosecutor Helena Miller said Watkinson had scores of convictions between 2000 and 2010, receiving a range of prison sentences.

The court heard that the defendant had earlier pleaded guilty to one count of robbery and five thefts.

Raider stole pipes and fruit machines

A THIEF stole fruit machines, metal coolers and piping from a Black Country pub closed following an arson attack.

Wayne Tildesley targeted the Hill Tavern pub, in Watsons Green Road, Dudley, on April 26 and 27 this year. He received a 12-week jail sentence, suspended for 12 months, and ordered to carry out 200 hours of unpaid work.

He pulled up in a van with another man and loaded it with metal items before driving away, Dudley Magistrates Court heard last week.

A resident living near to the pub became suspicious at the activity due to the pub being closed and called police. Officers found the 25-year-old on top of the roof terrace .

Scrap

Magistrates were told he had admitted taking metal items to sell for scrap but told police had not broken in because the building was not secure.

Tildesley, of Shakespeare Road, Tipton, was also ordered to pay compensation of £1,000 along with court costs of £85. He had pleaded guilty to a charge of burglary at a previous hearing on May 6.

Mrs Jane Yeomans, prosecuting, said none of the metal items taken had been recovered.

Mr Anthony Schiller, defending, said Tildesley had fallen on hard times.

Police in blitz on motoring crime

MORE than 30 drivers were stopped by police during a police crackdown on motoring crime in the Black Country.

Four people were arrested and eight cars were seized during the operation in Tipton Road, Dudley.

During the six-hour operation near the Black Country Living Museum officers used automatic number plate recognition technology which flags up vehicles believed to be connected with criminality.

Altogether 34 cars were stopped and eight seized and will be destroyed after being found to be unroadworthy or were being used without insurance.

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Jail for thief who took lead from roof

A METAL thief who helped to strip lead from the roof of a Sandwell home has been jailed for 18 weeks.

Martin Ford, aged 25, of Southbank Road, Cradley Heath, had pleaded guilty to involvement in two metal thefts, including handling lead stolen from the roof of a house in Elbow Street, Cradley Heath.

Ms Narinder Bains, prosecuting, told Warley Magistrates Court on Friday: "Just after 3am on May 26 police officers saw three men who they attempted to stop in Pear Tree Lane."

Magistrates were told that the value of the lead taken was £300.

Ford also admitted theft from a scrap metal dealer in Cradley Heath.

Ms Bains said: "On May 9 a police officer attended Garratt's Lane where this defendant was arrested on a towpath with approximately £400 in lead."

Drugs

Milo Turner, defending, said Ford had a drugs problem and had never been given the opportunity to attend rehabilitation sessions.

Ford's accomplice Gary Owens, who had been involved in the Elbow Street incident, pleaded guilty to theft. Owens, 39, of Woodcroft Close, Cradley Heath, was handed a 12-week jail sentence, suspended for two years, and ordered to undergo six months of drug rehabilitation, and a 12-month supervision order.

A third man involved in the Elbow Street theft, Luke Power, 21, also of Southbank Road, was due to be sentenced yesterday (Wednesday).

High life

AN aerial adventure course with ropes 42ft above the ground and a zip-wire is set to open next month as part of a £300,000 adventure centre in Sandwell Valley Country Park.

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Inquest opens on four killed in crash

INQUESTS into the deaths of four people killed in a horror crash in West Bromwich were opened last week.

The crash, in Greets Green Road, at 12.50am on Sunday, June 5, killed driving instructor Kelly Partridge, aged 34, of Hall Green Road, West Bromwich along with her friend Tracy Chambers, 28, of Devereux Road, West Bromwich.

The two were among six friends who had been out to celebrate Tracy passing her driving test.

It also claimed the lives of two people in a Citroen Saxo, Ashley Simpson, 21, Grafton Road, and Joanne Martin, 40, of Wood Lane, both West Bromwich. She was also known as Joanne Ralley but had reverted back to her maiden name Martin.

Hospital

Four other passengers needed hospital treatment.

Giving evidence, Sergeant Tim Rogers, said: "A Saxo driven by Joanne Martin was travelling from Wood Lane towards the bridge and as it reached the crest of the bridge there was a head on collision with a Ford Fiesta driven by Kelly Partridge."

Clive Loyns, Black Country assistant deputy coroner adjourned the inquests.

Man smashed windows on his sister's car

A TIPTON man smashed up his sister's car in a drunken rage, a court heard. Nicholas Farmer, aged 22, of Andrew Road, Tipton, appeared at Warley Magistrates Court for sentence last week after pleading guilty to criminal damage at an earlier hearing.

Magistrates gave Farmer a £65 fine but ruled he did not have to pay it as he had spent 20 days in prison awaiting sentence.

Prosecutor Ms Narinder Bains said the incident had taken place on May 19 following a series of family rows.

She said: "He argued with his sister then went over to her car and punched the driver's side window so it smashed. He then carried on to smash two more windows."

Cabbie avoids ban

A TAXI driver from West Bromwich has been allowed to keep his licence despite being caught with two bald tyres. Mushtaq Hussain, aged 46, of Walter Street, was given three points on his licence at Warley Magistrates Court after being found guilty.

He was fined £185 and ordered to pay £60 costs, plus a £15 victim surcharge.

Fraud woman jailed for 18 months

A WOMAN dubbed a "determined and practised fraudster" has been jailed for 18 months after conning more than £1,000 from the Wednesbury firm she worked for.

Tina Patel had a string of previous convictions but kept them secret when applying for a job at the national headquarters of Walmsley Furnishings. The married 34-year-old was given a trial as a sales ledger administrator but was sacked within a year of starting at the Wednesbury Trading Estate offices because she made so many mistakes. The firm then launched a probe after a large number of receipts were found to be missing, explained prosecutor Miss Raj Punia at Wolverhampton Crown Court last week.

It was found that Patel had tricked stores into paying refunds to customers twice. She contacted managers to claim first payments had not gone through and asked for another payable to bank accounts which belonged to her husband and herself. In 2009, Patel collected £449 from the Skelmersdale branch on March 13 and £689 from the Wrexham store on April 16. The company fixed appointments to interview Patel about the missing money but she did not turn up. Police went to an address in Willenhall and found debit cards for the two accounts into which the money had been paid.

Patel, now of Hilton Street, West Bromwich, admitted fraud and was jailed by Judge Amjad Nawaz, who told her: "You are a determined and practised fraudster. A substantial amount of trust had been placed in you after you lied to get the job."

Hit-and-run victim launches campaign

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WHEN keen runner Andy Taylor was ran over by a hit-and-run driver in 2007, he feared he may never walk again.

The father-of-two from Sandwell was left with a broken hip and pelvis and was in hospital for six weeks. His frustration was heightened by the fact that, despite several witnesses, the person responsible was never brought to justice.

Andy Taylor, who was seriously injured in a hit-and-run incidentis seen with his son Bradley by busy Wood Green Road

But thanks to physiotherapy and determination, he has managed to fight his way back and resume a relatively normal life.

The 42-year-old said: "I was at such a low after the crash. I can remember lying in the road and wondering if I would ever walk again. The doctors put me on anti-depressants. But I wanted to carry on."

Mr Taylor had completed a number of fun runs before the crash but he now struggles to walk and needs regular pain killers.

It is thought the black Toyota Celica was travelling at between 50 and 60 mph when he was hit on the 30mph road.

He has been told if the car had been going any quicker it is unlikely he would be alive today.

But after three operations, with more in the pipeline, he has been able to return to work as a sales assistant.

Spearhead

He goes to watch his two boys, aged 11 and 15, play football and is able to perform routine daily chores.

Reliving the crash, which happened in Mill Street, Dudley, in November 2007, he said: "It was coming so quickly that I could not get out of the way and it ploughed into me."

Mr Taylor, of Vimy Road in Wednesbury, is using his experiences to spearhead a campaign for improvements on Wood Green Road, which is crossed by hundreds of pupils from Wood Green High School and Stuart Bathurst Catholic High School every day. One of his sons, 11-year-old Bradley goes to Wood Green.

A 1,000 name petition has already been handed into Sandwell Council.

Eco-bungalows scheme is aimed at the over 55s

PLANS have been drawn up for two specially-built eco-friendly bungalows in West Bromwich.

The energy efficient properties have been proposed by Dr Beatrice Anderson, who has finalised the plans after extensive negotiations with Sandwell Council.

It is intended that the energy-efficient bungalows will have waste, recycling and cycle storage facilities, internal fire sprinkler systems and be available for people aged over 55. They will be built on a vacant brownfield site to the rear of Erbington Road and Arlington Road in West Bromwich.

Access will be resurfaced and low energy ground lighting will be installed.

The full plans can be seen on Sandwell Council's Public Access website under planning application reference DC/11/53351.

Never had a day off sick

Watch commander John Williams, of Tipton fire station, has never had a day off sick

A FIREFIGHTER who has never had a day off sick has been honoured for long service.

John Williams, aged 37, of Tipton, joined as a junior firefighter at the age of 16.

He recalls going to a fire at The George Inn pub, Halesowen, not long after starting his first full-time post at Cradley Heath fire station.

He said: "When we arrived at the pub we could see a lady on the top floor and she was about to jump from the building.

"It must have been so awful inside that she had to get out any way she could.

"We rushed to get the ladders up to the window and she literally jumped into the watch commander's arms."

He said car crashes were most harrowing call outs.

"At the time you are a bit like a robot and you just do your job but it is when you get home you think about it," he said.

He was presented with a long service medal and certificate and an award for not having a day off sick.

Young

Mr Williams, who lives with partner Claire and daughter Sophie, four, in Cradley Heath, says the main focus of his job now is working with young people.

He is the watch manager in charge of Sandwell Youth Programme based at Tipton fire station and runs courses for hundreds of young people in the area.

Sat-nav safety at crossing

INCIDENTS at Langley Green have been cited at the launch of new sat-nav technology which alerts drivers to level crossings.

The new app, developed by Garmin in conjunction with Network Rail, was unveiled last week to coincide with International Level Crossing Awareness Day.

It tells drivers they are approaching a level crossing with a train whistle sound and an X on the screen and is free to download for owners of Garmin Satnavs.

CCTV footage of two near-misses at Langley Green level crossing was released at the launch of the national initiative. One of them shows a pedestrian ignoring flashing lights at the crossing, even though seconds earlier she had been given a safety awareness leaflet.She is then seen dashing over the crossing as a warning klaxon is sounding, before the barriers are forcibly stopped.

Fine

The woman was given a £50 on-the-spot fine for trespassing on the railway.

In the second Langley Green clip two cyclists make a dash for the crossing as the level crossing barrier is lowering. The first cyclist gets through unscathed but the second rides head-first into the barrier.

Network Rail route director Jo Kaye said Langley Green was a problem crossing.

"We often have to stop the road barriers lowering because somebody is making a last minute dash across," she said. "Pedestrians and cyclists are just as guilty as car and lorry drivers, as our latest CCTV clips show.

"Sat-nav technology has proved to be a great help to motorists in alerting them to what's ahead on the road, so developing an app around level crossings seemed a smart idea."

It is hoped the new technology will reduce the number of incidents which cause damage, disruption and deaths each year.

Acting inspector Stuart Middlemas, from British Transport Police, said that they would continue to work with Network Rail to carry out action against people who take risks at level crossings.

"I cannot over-emphasise just how dangerous this is," he said. "The warning signs and barriers are there for a reason and those who fail to heed the warnings are putting themselves and others at risk."

Park gyms to fight the flab

PARKS in Sandwell have picked up grants totalling £52,000 to build three outdoor gyms as part of the campaign to tackle obesity.

West Smethwick Park in Smethwick and Barnford Park in Oldbury each pick up £17,000, with Brunswick Park in Wednesbury getting £18,000.

Bids were put in by the individual parks' friends groups, set up to look after and support the borough's green spaces. Each outdoor gym will contain equipment, including skiing and walking machines, sit-up and pull down bars with other pieces of fitness kit. Work is to begin at the sites within weeks.

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Bid to open training centre

A TRAINING centre creating 38 jobs is set to open in Tipton.

Solihull-based Fourstar Employment and Skills Ltd wants to open the new base in former industrial units and offices in the town.

The firm has applied to Sandwell Council to change use of the units on Cleton Business Park, Cleton Street, to a training centre. Plans would see three vacant units transformed into the new hub.

A statement to the council says units were last used as a food making and distribution facility, which closed in January 2010. They are in a single building bounded on two sides by the business park internal road system, Cleton Street and adjacent units.

Plans include adding a main customer entrance on the side of the building. Offices at the front will be retained. Large open space towards the back will become training areas and support offices.

The firm sayss it has chosen Sandwell due to its high deprivation. It expects to see 32 people an hour or 226 people a week and will be open Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm.

Skip firm expanding

FIVE jobs are set to be created at a Black Country recycling company following its expansion.

Need-A-Skip in Brandon Way, West Bromwich, part-funded the expansion of its site with a six-figure loan from the European Investment Bank.

The firm, which employs 48 and has a turnover of £2.5 million, separates recyclable materials from waste put in its skips before selling them on. It also hires out skips.

Company director Stephen Butler said: "We service all the major house builders along with many local construction companies and homeowners, taking in huge amounts of waste every day. It is therefore important that we dispose of it in the most environmentally friendly way possible.

"The new larger premises give us the capacity to further increase the amount of building materials we take in and are able to recycle."

Magistrates court watch

RECENT convictions at Warley Magistrates Court included:

Frederick Taylor, aged 69, of Highbury Avenue, Rowley Regis: Given a six- month community order, ordered to pay £85 costs, £15 victim surcharge and disqualified from driving for 24 months for driving a Mazda van on Hayseech while exceeding the prescribed limit of alcohol.

Scott Walker, aged 42, of Turton Street, Kidderminster, Worcester: Fined £200 with £85 costs and ordered to pay £15 victim surcharge and given a three-year football banning order for being at a football match at West Bromwich Albion, having thrown coins at, or towards, an area adjacent to the playing area to which spectators were not generally admitted, without lawful authority or lawful excuse.

Daniel Pitt (alias: Daniel Gary Peet), aged 22, of West Avenue, Tividale: Given a 12-month community order, ordered to undertake education, training and employment activities, ordered to participate in a thinking skills programme for 16 days, ordered to pay £200 compensation and £85 costs for not being at his place of abode, having had with him articles for use in the course of, or in connection with theft, namely a carrier bag consisting of stripped lead rolled up and toolbox containing drill bits and screwdrivers, and for stealing a quantity of lead to the value of £150 belonging to Red Mango.

Ryan James Stanley, aged 30, of Bilhay Lane, West Bromwich: Given a 12-month community order, ordered to have treatment for alcohol dependency as a non-resident patient for six months, ordered to pay £85 compensation and £85 costs for being drunk and disorderly on Black Lake tram stop and for assaulting a police constable.

Nathan Craig Bogle (aliases: Daniel Bell, Aswone Junior Bogle, Nathan Bogle and Jason Davis), aged 25, of Oakthorpe Gardens, Tividale: Fined £150 with £85 costs and ordered to pay £15 victim surcharge for having wilfully obstructed a police constable in the execution of her duty and for being in possession of a quantity of cannabis.

Salma Ali, aged 22, of Harvestfields, Harvest Road, Rowley Regis: Fined £350 with £60 costs, ordered to pay £15 victim surcharge and £102.50 vehicle excise back duty.

The following people have been convicted for being the registered keeper of a vehicle, having failed to deliver to the Secretary of State that part of the registration document containing the required particulars relating to the notification of transfer of the vehicle to a person who was not a vehicle trader:

Matthew Paul Baker, aged 27, Dibble Road, Smethwick: Fined £175 with £60 costs and ordered to pay £15 victim surcharge.

Leon Bell, aged 32, of Jervoise Road, Birmingham: Fined £115 with £60 costs and ordered to pay £15 victim surcharge.

Mohammed Abdul Bosor, aged 37, of Bearwood Road, Smethwick: Fined £175 with £60 costs and ordered to pay £15 victim surcharge.

Katrina Yvonne Bridgen, aged 50, of Vowles Road, West Bromwich: Fined £115 with £60 costs and ordered to pay £15 victim surcharge.

Lisa Ball, aged 24, of Mount Road, Wordsley, Stourbridge: Fined £35 with £60 costs and ordered to pay £15 victim surcharge.

Convictions at Dudley Magistrates Court included:

Debbie Homer, aged 23, of Causeway, Rowley Regis, Warley: Fined £100 with £85 costs and told to pay £15 victim surcharge for being drunk and disorderly in Prince Street.

Kevin Ronald Upton, aged 54, of Caggis Boatyard, Watery Lane, Tipton: Fined £150 with £85 costs and told to pay £15 victim surcharge for having had with him in a public place a two inch lock knife, without good reason or lawful authority, and for having used threatening, abusive or insulting words or behaviour or disorderly behaviour, causing harassment, alarm or distress.

James Shaun Richards, aged 23, of Lime Road, Wednesbury: Given 12-month suspended sentence and a 12-week curfew requirement for having entered The Dry Dock public house, Netherton, as a trespasser with intent to steal therein.

Michael Gates, aged 22, of Clewley Grove, Quinton, Birmingham: Fined £320 with £60 costs, told to pay £15 victim surcharge and endorsed six points on licence for driving a Chevrolet on Mucklows Hill without insurance and while using a handheld mobile phone.

Dibley inspires festival

A SUMMER festival inspired by an episode of TV comedy The Vicar of Dibley is be coming to Great Barr.

Members of St Paul's Church in Hamstead, and brainchild of the event Christopher Hesman, will be on hand to make the occasion a success on Saturday at the Community Centre on Walsall Road,event from non to 3pm.

Christopher, one of the Youth Group members, said, "I thought our summer festival could bring a taste of the country to Great Barr with an event that brings the community together."

Vicar Rev Smitha Prasadam and Curate Revd Penny Harrison, will judge a cake making competition and flower arrangement.

Rev Prasadam will also face a 'Ready Steady Cook' challenge from local MP Khalid Mahmood.

Children can enjoy stories and crafts, and there will be performances by local groups.

Raising concerns

RESIDENTS in Greets Green and Lyng can raise crime, anti-social behaviour or environmental concerns at a neighbourhood forum meeting on Thursday, June 23.

Sandwell Council organises neighbourhood forum meetings in all borough neighbourhoods. They are a chance for people to bring concerns about their area to the attention of the council's neighbourhood managers, police and other partners.

Walkabout

The meeting for Greets Green and Lyng ward will be held at 6pm at The Good Shepherd Church, Lyttleton Street. This will be followed by a neighbourhood walkabout on Monday, June 27, starting at 10.30am. Contact (0121) 569 3152.

Families fear losing care because of cuts

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SANDWELL families with severely disabled children fear losing out on vital care due to spending cuts.

Families, with children using a day care centre run by the charity Options for Life in Oldbury, fear they will no longer be able to use its services.

In March parents were told the charity was not getting enough from Sandwell Council for Making Tracks, at Acorn Lodge, Vicarage Road. Charity bosses asked the council to allocate budgets to clients for care. Council chiefs told families they would be assessed for direct payments to spend on care of their choice. This, if they wished, could go to Making Tracks.

Rushed

Families say they were not consulted, the process was rushed and the amount of cash was not enough for care.

Dawn Rabone's 26-year-old daughter Charlotte goes to Acorn Lodge five days a week. Mrs Rabone of Goode Close, Oldbury, said: "We will not have the funds for the care we need. Charlotte will not get the same quality of care she gets at Acorn Lodge anywhere else."

Vanessa Southall's daughter Stacey, 21, has used the centre for three days a week for two years. She needs 24 hour care. Mrs Southall, 40, of Long Bank Road, Tividale, said money would only just cover the cost of the day care service meaning they would not have enough for respite care.

Diane Mills, 61, of Hanover Road, Rowley Regis, fears her son Adrian, 35, will be asked to go for a different form of day care.

Options for Life Chairman Geoff Coleman says they are always and continuing to look for ways to cut the cost of the service – £120 to £160 per person per day.

Sandwell Council cabinet member for adults social care Councillor Ann Jaron said people could decide to stay at Making Tracks or get another support provider instead.

"The council has paid the higher rate that Making Tracks asked for since April and the organisation has told us that they prefer to deal with personal budgets," she said. "But the cost of the service has significantly increased and the council has always been clear that this was not sustainable in the current climate."

Woman stabbed in a row over wages

A BLACK Country woman has been told she faces a "substantial" prison sentence after being convicted of stabbing a restaurant worker following a dispute over wages.

Denise Beckford, aged 32, was cleared of attempted murder but has been warned she still faces a significant time in custody after being found guilty of wounding with intent.

The knife attack left 20-year-old Makela Patterson with life-threatening injuries and in need of emergency surgery, Birmingham Crown Court was told.

Beckford, of Talbot Street, Lye, will be sentenced on July 15 after requesting psychiatric and pre-sentence reports be drawn up.

Judge Robert Orme told her: "You are looking to receive a substantial custodial sentence."

The court heard that Beckford went "on the run" for 46 days before being caught by police.

Waiting

Her co-defendant Adele Johnson-Hector, aged 26, of Bryant Street, Winson Green, was cleared of attempted murder and wounding with intent by the jury.

Both defendants had denied all charges.

The court previously heard the dispute stemmed from Miss Patterson leaving her job at the Mish Mash restaurant in Dudley Road, Winson Green, run by Beckford's uncle.

Miss Patterson turned up at Mish Mash on November 3 last year with her sister and had a row with the uncle over wages.

Later on, she received text messages from Beckford, one of which said: "How long before you run and hide from me?"

The pair agreed to meet in Archibald Road, Lozells, to talk about what had happened.

Miss Patterson told the jury Beckford, was waiting in a car with three other women. There was a scuffle and Miss Patterson was stabbed in the chest, throat and arm.

Vote for the Meadows call

Sohfia Mehnaz, aged 16, Sue Gough extended services manager and Russell Abbott outreach and enrichment leader from Sandwell Council, with (right) Adam Walsh, aged 14, enjoying summer holiday activities at Meadows Sports College, Oldbury

SANDWELL Active Disability is battling for cash from the Jubilee People's Millions.

The scheme is on a shortlist of six in the Central TV region. Sandwell initially goes head to head on TV against a playscheme bid from Coventry. There will ultimately be four winners.

It is presented by the Big Lottery Fund in partnership with ITV to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

If Sandwell is successful, the money will provide sports and other clubs during school holidays for children with profound learning difficulties and disabilities.

Voting takes place between 9am and midnight on Wednesday, June 29. The hotline number will be given on Central News between 6pm and 6.30pm, alongside a film about the project.

Sandwell Council's cabinet member for children and families Councillor Bob Badham urged everyone to get behind the bid. He said: "Please do take a few seconds to vote for this fantastic project and tell all your family, friends and colleagues. The money will do a huge amount of good."

Sandwell Council, Parent Support and Family Learning Team co-ordinated the bid with The Meadows Sports College and The Albion Foundation. If successful the funding will benefit all Sandwell Special Schools and children with disabilities from Sandwell mainstream schools.

The public can vote up to 10 times for each project. Calls cost 11p from BT landlines. Calls from other networks may be higher and from mobiles will be considerably more.

Russell Abbott, outreach leader at The Meadows Sports College, said: "There would be fun activities for the students to enjoy with school friends and, best of all, it would be for free."

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Necklace thief left his prints on note

THE writing was on the wall for a thief when he left a note he had penned at the scene of the crime.

Avtar Bhandal tricked his way into the West Bromwich home of his 73-year-old victim by claiming to know her son.

When told the man was not at home, the 27-year-old asked for a drink of water before carefully washing and drying the glass to prevent leaving any forensic clues to his identify, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

He used a false name to scribble a message urging the son to ring him to bolster the lie that they knew each other, said prosecutor David Lees.

Mr Lees continued: "He then suddenly snatched two gold necklaces worth a total of £900 from the neck of the woman and ran off."

But bungling Bhandal left the note he had just written behind and it led police to him after his fingerprints were found on the paper.

He had been freed shortly before the crime from a five-year sentence for shop robberies, the court heard.

Deported

He had entered the country illegally at the age of 17 and had a £350-a-week addiction to heroin and cocaine funded through crime.

Married father-of-one Bhandal, of Clarence Road, Handsworth, admitted theft and was jailed for two years and eight months last week by Judge Amjad Nawaz, who also ordered Bhandal be deported back to India on completion of the sentence.

Club 'angry and bitter'

TIPTON Town Football Club says its reputation had been left "deeply tarnished" by its former chairman Bill Williams, after he was jailed for five-and-a-half years for fraud.

The club issued a statement saying members have been left "angry, bitter and bewildered", after discovering the accountant had pocketed more than £276,000 from the life insurance and pension policies of a murdered father Andrew Diack, who was stabbed to death in 2009.

The statement said: "The acting provisional committee of Tipton Town FC would like to state on behalf of the club, players and its supporters that the fraudulent actions of former club Chairman Mr Bill Williams have left the club shocked and angry."

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Games success

LEISURE chiefs in Sandwell say they are delighted with the success of a new games area in Smethwick.

The Londonderry playing fields, in Londonderry Lane, were busier than ever with young people during last week's half term.

It has facilities for basketball, football, netball and cricket while youth workers from Sandwell Council also run regular sessions there.

Empty offices at venue

BUSINESS space remains empty at £72 million West Bromwich arts centre The Public three years after the building opened.

Despite all of the venue's "lily pad" offices being snapped up, space still remains empty on level four of the New Street centre. Bosses say they are in talks with potential tenants. If space is not let out Sandwell Council staff could move in.

A past report from auditors KPMG said that failure to let the space is considered a risk. It said there was a possibility of investors clawing back millions of pounds pumped into the project if the failure to attract tenants leads to the decommissioning of the building.

However, Linda Saunders, managing director at the New Street centre said three new tenants had recently moved in – filling all of the lily pad offices, and they were now in talks with potential tenants for space on the fourth floor.

Terror risk in region

THE West Midlands is one of the hotspot areas outside London most at risk of Islamist terrorism, according to a Government strategy on tackling extremism.

Birmingham is one of 25 priority areas which are being targeted by the Prevent programme which has been allocated a budget of £46 million for 2011/12.

Extra funds will be made available to councils to "address specific local risks" and activities aimed at reducing the number of potential terrorist recruits.

The action comes after the 120-page report revealed that of the people convicted of Islamist terrorism-related offences over the past 10 years – 13 per cent were resident in the West Midlands – the second highest number in the country behind the capital which accounted for almost 50 per cent. Of those caught and brought to justice in the West Midlands, 12 per cent were from Birmingham.

Obesity crisis leads to stricter controls

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STRICT controls are set to be placed on businesses which want to set up new fast food restaurants in Sandwell in a bid to tackle the borough's obesity crisis.

New takeaways will not be able to open near secondary schools and firms will be also asked for a £1,000 fee to open new restaurants, with the cash ploughed back into the community.

Sandwell has one of the worst obesity problems in the region and more than £250,000 has been spent on referring 5,000 people for obesity treatment in three years alone.

The rules will apply to new sites applying to open. The policy has been set out in a draft hot food takeaway planning document being considered by Sandwell's cabinet member for jobs and economy, Councillor Ian Jones, this week.

Under proposals outlined in the report, planning permission will not be granted to takeaways within 1,300ft of secondary schools or approved sites for new secondary schools.

The distance was set following consultation with borough pupils which discovered 68 per cent were not prepared to walk further during lunchtime.

The policy would also ban a new takeaway in areas where it would mean there are three or more next to each other, in areas where homes would be adversely affected, and where advice has come from the police that it is likely to lead to anti-social behaviour.

Levy

All new takeaways will also have to fork out a £1,000 levy as a condition of development. This will then be spent on improving the area.

Cllr Jones said: "What we have identified is the significant problem in the community with obesity and other problems, such as the onset of diabetes and health issues in our young children.

"What we are trying to do is to dissuade hot food take aways from being located around school sites. We have to try to make sure that they have their place but then try to dissuade them in areas where they are not suited, such as around school sites."

Kegs and glasses thrown in pub clash between fans

A violent confrontation broke out at a Black Country pub between Wolves and Baggies fans after the sides' Premier League draw in February, a court heard.

Dozens of fans were caught on CCTV throwing glasses and even beer kegs at each other at the Tamebridge pub in Great Bridge on February 20.

Eight Baggies fans appeared before Warley Magistrates Court last week to plead not guilty to violent disorder. All the men will appear before Wolverhampton Crown Court later this year following a committal hearing in August.

Prosecutor Miss Kelly Hale told the court: "After the match at The Hawthorns supporters from both sides had gone to the Tamehouse. At approximately 5.15pm large-scale disorder broke out at the pub between supporters of Wolves and West Bromwich Albion. Bar stools, glasses, bottles and beer kegs were among items thrown."

Miss Hale said the eight accused men had been identified by police officers on CCTV cameras at the pub.

Marred

The men are: Shaun Bennett, aged 33, of Fountain Lane, Dudley; Eric Cox, 55, of Menin Road, Tipton; James Harris, 40, of Abbey Close, West Bromwich; Nathan Painter, 21, of Moxley Road, Darlaston; Neil Sutera, 34, of Radford Lane, Wolverhampton; Stephen Whitehouse, 37, of Birchfield Way, Yew Tree; James Wiles, 24, of Broadwaters Road, Darlaston and Ricky Wright, 30, of Arthur Street, West Bromwich.

All the men were bailed to reappear at Warley Magistrates Court for a committal hearing on August 2.

They were banned from attending any football match, from visiting the Tamebridge pub, and from travelling to cities or towns where West Bromwich Albion are playing away.

Many fans missed the entire first half of the derby match after a tram broke down at Black Lake due to severe overcrowding, with more than 300 fans walking the final three miles to the ground.

Slimmer sheds 10 stone

Slimmer Jignesh Patel, who lost 10 stone, with his 54ins waist trousers

A super-slimmer has shed 10 stone in under a year and says his weight loss success has helped him to become lucky in love.

Jignesh Patel, aged 28, of West Bromwich, said before he started losing weight he would eat anything he fancied. At his heaviest he weighed 26 stone. He now weighs 16 stone.

Mr Patel said he was inspired to start losing weight because his grandfather died young of a heart related illnesses.

The biomedical scientist said he had tried numerous diets but eventually started losing weight after joining Fitness First in Wednesbury.

Mr Patel, of Mottram Close, said he shed around five stone in the four months leading up to Christmas. It was about this time he met his fiancé Saislai Patel, who he is marrying in August.

"I think losing the weight just gave me so much more confidence."

Play area plan for park at Langley

A £15,000 'natural' play area could be developed in an Oldbury park following a year of fundraising.

The Friends of Langley Park wants to create an obstacle course built from logs in parkland off High Street.

The group has raised £5,000 for the new facility. It now wants Sandwell Council to make up the rest.

The Friends Martin Prestidge said: "We know that there are finite resources at the moment but there is ongoing dialogue and we have had some really positive feedback so far."

Last year a hard surface playground and swings were installed in Langley Park and 3,000 daffodil bulbs planted by area children.

Funding

The Friends formed in October 2008 to campaign for improvements at the park bequeathed by Arthur Albright, of chemical giants Albright and Wilson.

Councillor Linda Horton, council cabinet member for leisure services, said: "It would be good to see more facilities in the park and we will look into the possibility the council would be able to help with the funding."

Despite cuts, the council has installed a £12,000 pergola at nearby Barnford Park and contributed £1.9 million towards a £6.3m restoration of West Bromwich's Dartmouth Park.

Banned man was driving

A POLISH man who was banned from driving was caught behind the wheel in West Bromwich when he undertook another vehicle, a court heard.

Radoslaw Radowski, aged 21, of Marsh Lane, Erdington, admitted driving without a licence and without insurance when he appeared at Warley Magistrates Court last week.

Prosecutor Miss Kelly Hale told the court police had spotted Radowski driving a black BMW on Beeches Road on May 30 when he undertook another car.

Officers pulled him over and he admitted he had been banned after totting up too many points on his licence, Miss Hale said.

Magistrates ordered Radowski to carry out 180 hours of unpaid work, banned him from driving for 12 months and ordered him to pay £85 costs.

Church holds table top sale

AN Oldbury church is holding a table top sale on Saturday. The sale will be held at Causeway Green Methodist Church in Penncricket Lane, off Causeway Green Road, between 11am and 2pm. Items on sale will include bric-a-brac, clothes, books, CDs and DVDs, with refreshments available. Admission is free.

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Mark Wilkinson clings on to his stricken craft as a lifebuoy is thrown to him

Titanic II sinks on maiden voyage

THIS is the dramatic moment a boat called Titanic II lived up to the name and sank on her maiden voyage.

Birmingham man Mark Wilkinson had to be rescued after his vessel began to sink. He had paid £1,000 for the second-hand boat and towed it to Dorset from Birmingham for its first outing. But just like the famous ship which sank 99 years ago, he ran into problems. He was on his fishing trip when the 16ft cabin cruiser suddenly sprang a leak in the fibre-glass hull.

Mr Wilkinson tried to pump the water out but his efforts proved futile and he was forced to abandon ship.

He was flung a lifebuoy and finally dragged out by the harbour master at West Bay.

Titanic II was was later towed out and Mr Wilkinson said he felt embarrassed.

The famous ocean liner Titanic sank on her maiden voyage to New York in 1912 with the loss of 1,517 lives.

60 beds for dementia patients at former pub

New care home is to open next month

A 60-bed care home being built on the site of a former pub in West Bromwich will open next month.

The three-storey home, on the old Golden Lion site in Hall Green Road, will cater exclusively for people suffering with dementia. The home will be run by Leeds-based Ideal Care Homes and will create more than 50 jobs. It has been built by LNT Construction Ltd, which is part of the same company as Ideal Care Homes.

LNT spokeswoman Nicola Freitas said: "Work on the home is almost complete and we will be open for business on July 31. Some of our homes have a mixture of residential and dementia beds but this site will be for people with dementia only."

The new home, where the rooms are all en-suite, will be named Hall Green, after the road in which it is situated.

Earlier this year LNT pulled out of a goodwill gesture to build a pedestrian refuge outside the home after the cost was greater than had first been anticipated. Before planning permission was granted, it was thought the cost would be around £3,000 but new estimates said it would cost £10,000.

Speculation

Documents which have been submitted by LNT Construction Ltd on behalf of the company said: "Our client cannot accept the additional costs."

Meanwhile, LNT bosses have moved to dismiss speculation about the future of the new home after it was shown as being up for sale on an industry website with a price tag of £4.5 million.

Ms Freitas said: "All new properties built by LNT are initially advertised for sale by our agent partners but should be taken down if the property is going to be retained by the group. That is the case here and we will be contacting the website."

An open day for members of the public to view the new Hall Green care home will take place on July 31, with viewing times yet to be confirmed.

Walkabout

COUNCILLORS and residents in Hateley Heath are planning a neighbourhood walkabout today (Thursday, starting at 2pm, to talk to local people about any problems in the area. For more information contact (0121) 569 3152.

Lewis Gould, aged eight, of West Bromwich, and Lee Southall, of Green Wood Craft Work

Visitors explore nature reserve

VISITORS turned out in force for an open day at a Black Country beauty spot.

It was held on Sunday at Sot's Hole Nature Reserve, Dagger Lane, West Bromwich, to mark completion of a two-year restoration project.

Wood turning demonstrations were held by Quarry Bank-based Green Wood Craft Work and there were children's nature activities.

Visitors got a chance to walk along a new nature trail after restoration following the Friends of Sot's Hole getting a Big Lottery Community Spaces grant.

It was spent on making the reserve more interesting and accessible to visitors.

There is a new footbridge and sculptured waymarkers. New benches have also been put in and treatment work on invasive plants has been done.

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Fiance's tribute to crash victim

Tribute – victim Kelly Partidge with her son Luke

THE fiance of a driving instructor killed along with three others in a horror crash in West Bromwich has paid tribute to her.

Mother-of-four Kelly Partridge, aged 34, was behind the wheel of a Ford Fiesta that burst into flames after a head-on collision with a Citroen Saxo.

Kelly's boyfriend Chris Williams, of Hall Green Road in West Bromwich, said: "Putting my feelings for Kel into words is the most difficult thing I have ever done. To say that Kelly was the most loving, kind hearted and unselfish person I have ever met would just be scratching the surface.

"She was my inspiration, my reason, my life, and my world revolved around her.

"She loved her family and children very much, and I will ensure that this love continues to grow and be nurtured."

The crash, in Greets Green Road, at 12.50am on Sunday, June 5, killed Kelly along with her friend Tracy Chambers. The two were among six friends who had been out in Birmingham to celebrate Tracy passing her driving test. Two people in the Saxo, Joanne Ralley and Ashley Simpson, also died and four others needed hospital treatment.

Kelly had been in a relationship with Mr Williams for more than seven years and the pair had intended to wed within the next two years. She had two children with Mr Williams – Luke, four, and CJ, one, plus two more children, Liam, 13 and Paige, nine.

Ex-canal museum building to be sold

THE former premises of Galton Valley Canal Museum in Smethwick is to be sold as Sandwell Council battles to save £75 million in four years.

The museum, which started life as the Old Cock Inn, closed to the public in November. Museums boss Frank Caldwell said plans are being drawn up for the disposal of the site.

On the market – Galton Valley Canal Museum

The 1930s built former pub in Brasshouse Lane opened as the canal heritage centre in the late 1980s. Since the 1990s the building has operated as the Galton Valley Canal Heritage Centre and later as the Galton Valley Canal Museum.

It closed when it was decided to relocate the canal museum exhibits and displays to the 1920s New Pumping Station located next to the canal.

Mr Caldwell, principal officer for museums, arts and tourism at the council, said: "We are in the process of relocating exhibits into the pumping building. It is an historic building that is right next to the canal."

This had rendered the Old Cock Inn "surplus to requirements".

Councillor Ian Jones, cabinet member for jobs and economy at Sandwell Council, said: "We are having to look at a lot of options.

"If we were looking at them other than in a financial constraints way then we wouldn't probably want to do it."

The council has already raised cash from the sale of land at a recent auction, with the former Timbertree Nursery in Graingers Lane, Cradley Heath, fetching £160,000.

It has also drawn up plans to dispose of offices in Smethwick High Street.

Popular carnival

THOUSANDS of people poured through the gates of Jubilee Park for popular Tipton Carnival.

Between 5,000 and 7,000 visitors turned up for the day. Events included battle re-enactments, dog show and a funfair. Tipton Community Association organised Saturday's carnival, which first started back in 1966.

The Carnival Queen is Jodie Brook, a 19-year-old student nurse from Tipton.

Organiser Karen Simms said: "There was a packed programme this year, there was something for everyone and all the visitors had a great time.

"The Walsall Coronets Marching Band welcomed in the queen and it was a fantastic moment."

Tipton Youth Football organised a carnival tournament and among the winners of the dog show was Sam McGinty, aged 30, of Bearwood, with her two huge dogues de bordeaux.

Metal thieves strip monument again

METAL thieves have stripped the copper from the First World War memorial at Barr Beacon for the second time this year – leaving a repair bill which is likely to run into thousands of pounds.

The thieves targeted the memorial over the weekend, stealing the copper from the front roof columns. There was a similar attack in April. It was also stripped of its metal twice last year.

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Pub gets Hollywood slant thanks to a spooky movie

IT has been famous across the Black Country for hundreds of years as the leaning pub, where you are likely to find yourself uncertain on your feet even before drinking a drop of beer.

Well-known for its tilt and its resident ghosts, now the Crooked House pub in Himley is set to attract a new legion of fans thanks to a film made by a Sandwell man who has moved to Los Angeles.

Movie-maker Mark Todd, who comes from Wednesbury, has written a screenplay called The Crooked House. It's a ghost story inspired by the pub's history. Mr Todd, aged 46, believes American audiences will love it. He said: "There is a real fascination with Englishness and the feedback I have received so far has been great."

The project has won the interest of production companies in America and filming is scheduled to start in October. It tells the story of an California-based English film director who buys the Crooked House and moves in with his American wife. Soon ghosts start to appear and set off a chain of events, climaxing in a dramatic ending.

While shooting the movie he will also make a documentary about ghosts in the area, looking in particular at Dudley Castle.

Puppeteer

A former puppeteer on TV shows such as Live And Kicking and Noel's House Party, Mr Todd moved to LA five years ago after marrying his actor wife Ashley.

He said: "On a visit home last year we went to the pub and thought what a great location it would make for a film. The more I told people about it, the better the idea seemed, so I got I started to put the wheels in motion."

He contacted pub owners Wayne and Jason Penn, who admit they needed "no persuading" to take part.

The Crooked House is said to have two resident ghosts, a young girl referred to as Polly, and a phantom barmaid. Wayne said: "The pub is well known across the world for the ghosts here. I'm sure audiences will enjoy it."

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The pub's owners, brothers Wayne and Jason Penn

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Alarm call out cuts

FIRE crews in the West Midlands will no longer automatically answer fire alarms triggered at businesses in a bid to save almost £3 million.

West Midlands Fire and Rescue service said answering automatic alarms during daytime hours was a "drain on the taxpayer" .

It now will no longer send engines to companies from 8am to 8pm. The service said it attends more than 10,000 alarm calls every year generated by automatic fire alarms – and in 98 per cent of the cases there is no fire or emergency.

A statement said: "It is clear that this is a huge drain on the taxpayer and an emergency response by a fire appliance puts the public at risk when in reality, there is no requirement for the fire service to be mobilised."

However, trade group the Fire Industry Association said companies have not been made properly aware of the changes.

Group commander Jim Sinnott, of West Midlands Fire and Rescue Service, said it costs the fire service just over £286 every time it responds to a call out. In all false alarms cost just more than £2.8m per year.

The decision to cut the number of call-outs comes at a time the service has been told it must cut £7m from its £119m annual budget.

Group commander Sinnott said: "We have a lot of these calls and it drains our resources. We now ask the owner or occupier to make further investigations before we attend."

Firefighters' new uniform

The new West Midlands firefighters' uniform whichhas been introduced

FIREFIGHTERS in the West Midlands have unveiled their new uniform which is now in use.

The smart new uniform replaces the old orange kit. Supplied by Bristol Uniforms as part of an eight-year deal, the brigade claims it saves £1.4 million compared to the previous contract.

It will be worn by firefighters from all West Midlands Fire Service's community fire stations.

The new kit, which is Paris blue and red, replaces the magma-coloured uniforms.

It also has a number of enhanced safety features, including a new helmet with built-in safety glasses, and the uniform itself is made from a lightweight and more breathable fabric.

The kit was tested at Oldbury fire station with volunteers from across the region to make sure it offered the best fit and personal protection.

The service invited four suppliers to submit kits to be tried out by the firefighters. The simulated test conditions included rescuing casualties from a house fire, and car crashes.

Vij Randeniya, chief fire officer said: "Our firefighters are amongst the very best in the world and it is important that we do everything we can to enhance their personal safety.

"As well as offering excellent safety and comfort, this kit also demonstrates exceptional value for money which is crucial to us given the financial challenges we face."

Components

He said the Bristol Uniforms kit was selected due to the additional components it offered which maximised comfort and protection. It has also been praised by West Midlands Fire Service's 77 female firefighters, who received a separate kit designed to give a perfect fit.

The new kit will cost the fire service £5.3 million, which represents a £1.4m saving.

No plans to send council jobs abroad

THERE are no plans to send jobs at Sandwell Council abroad, the borough's efficiency boss has pledged.

It comes after Birmingham City Council and private firm Capita confirmed plans to transfer more than 100 city council jobs overseas, many of them to India.

The jobs are with Service Birmingham, a joint venture between the council and Capita. Birmingham says it needs to save £212m in the next financial year.

But the Unite union has demanded that Birmingham halt its plans.

Councillor Mahboob Hussain, cabinet member for improvement and efficiency in Sandwell, said his authority was committed to keeping jobs in the borough.

He said: "We are encouraging more jobs to come to Sandwell.

"It would be wrong for Sandwell Council to transfer their call centres and IT jobs outside Sandwell."

Choral concert

BIRMINGHAM Icknield Male Voice Choir is to give a concert on Saturday, June 25, at 7.30pm in St Mark's Church, Bandywood Crescent, Kingstanding.

"We are delighted that the choir is able to visit St Mark's as we continue to celebrate 40 years since the church was built." said Keith Airey, Community Development Officer for St Luke's and St Mark's.

"St Mark's Church is a wonderful place to sing in as it has excellent acoustics, so the 48 members of the choir will sound truly wonderful and really will raise the roof. It promises to be a night to remember."

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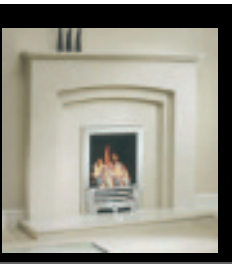

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Construction work starts on £5m Sikh community centre

Front from left, Paul Clarke, divisional manager Thomas Vale; Tarsem Singh Shokar, President of Guru Nanak Gurdwara Committee, and Tony Hyde, managing director for Thomas Vale Construction

WEST Midlands based contractors Thomas Vale Construction have started work on the £5 million community centre for the Guru Nanak Gurdwara in Smethwick.

To mark the start of the project a foundation stone ceremony was carried out by Thomas Vale and the Gurdwara, for which the 'Panj Piyarai' (Five Sikhs) of the Gurdwara carried out prayers for good luck in the project and poured cement into the ground.

The Gurdwara community centre wll be one of the most energy efficient in the UK with a low carbon footprint. It incorporates a 30,000 litre rainwater harvesting tank used for flushing toilets and urinals, under-floor heating, heat recovery and recycling systems, and an award winning lighting systems that automatically dim or switch off when compensated with sunlight.

Tarsem Singh Shokar, president of Guru Nanak Gurdwara, Smethwick said: "This is a very exciting time for our congregation. We have been working for a long time to bring forward this project and I am delighted that we have secured the services of a first class construction partner in Thomas Vale Construction."

Biggest

Guru Nanak Gurdwara Smethwick is a Sikh temple and the UK's first and biggest Gurdwara. The total Gurdwara spans an area of about 78,000 square metres and the building is four storeys high.

Tony Hyde, managing director for Thomas Vale Group, added: "We're pleased to have been given the opportunity to work on such a famous and historic building. This is one of the largest religious buildings we have worked on so far, and aim to finish with a community centre the local community can be proud of."

The design is the work of Reade Buray Associates in collaboration with a dedicated building sub-committee of Guru Nanak Gurdwara Smethwick. The project is being funded by Barclays Corporate, Birmingham.

Joe Kavanagh, relationship drector, Barclays Corporate, Birmingham, said: "We are delighted to support this exciting development of the Gurdwara, helping both the Sikh community and the wider community in Smethwick. This demonstrates our ongoing commitment to the local area and we look forward to continue working with the committee members and trustees now and in the future."

Decision to use more robots is paying off

A BOLD move to use more robots in its production processes is helping to boost the fortunes of a West Bromwich firm.

Precision aluminium diecaster JH Lavender's latest investment has seen a 1,600 tonne automated diecasting cell, featuring a 6-axis Kuka robot for unloading components, added to a new 620 square metre diecasting hall at its site in West Bromwich.

The company already uses four Kuka robots with three models deployed on its series of 750 tone automated diecasting machines, while the other is used to saw and rout a variety of parts in a separate finishing operation.

Diecasting machine maker Colosio, which commissioned and installed the new cell, chose a Kuka KR150 foundry robot as it is specifically designed for challenging workplaces.

It is not only triple coated in heat-reflecting paint, but also has a heat-resistant inline wrist.

The robot carries out a number of tasks once it has extracted the component from the diecasting machine. It lifts the part to a checking station where a set of six sen sors verify it is intact before chilling it in water. The final task involves depositing the component on to a chute where it is collected by an operator who trims any excess aluminium in a hydraulic press.

JH Lavender's decision to use more automation was an important part of ambitious expansion plans which took off in 2009, at a time when many firms were streamlining their operations in the wake of recession.

Buoyed by a raft of long-term contracts from its major customers, the company embarked on the largest ever single investment project in its 94-year history with the creation of the diecasting hall.

Kuka robots are robust and flexible and well-suited to operating in a foundry environment

Anthony Evans, business development manager, said: "Automation is crucial and the use of robots means we not only achieve optimum process control but also consistent reliability.

"Kuka robots are very robust and flexible, making them well-suited to working in a foundry environment."

Richard Goodwin, one of Kuka's UK robot sales specialists, added: "JH Lavender's commitment to investing in automation demonstrates how businesses can transform... and gain significant competitive advantages."

Kuka has its UK base in Halesowen.

New roof plan at landmark church

A LANDMARK West Bromwich church may be given a £50,000 revamp which will see pitched roofs erected.

Those in charge of Wesley Methodist Church, in High Street, want to make changes in a bid to improve security.

A planning application has been submitted to Sandwell Council and, if approved, work is expected to start next spring.

A statement to the council says a church has been on the site since the first half of the 19th century.

A building called the Akrill Hall was built a century later.

The original building was demolished leaving Akrill Hall and small attached buildings, which were incorporated into a building with a number of flat roofs.

Maintenance of the roofs and other features had become difficult and costly.

Access

"There are numerous changes in floor levels which, particularly with an ageing population, make disabled access to some parts difficult to provide and the realtively low, flat roofs present a security risk," said the statement to planners.

Mr Graham Woodall of Lichfield-based GD Woodall and Co, acting as planning agent for the church, said pitched roofs would look better and improve security.

Expenditure would be recovered in reduced maintenance.

"The tenders haven't been obtained but we are talking about in excess of £50,000.

"It is unlikely it will be this year, it is more likely to be spring 2012 because planning permission and tenders won't be done in time."

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Julian Walker and the Wall of Iron made of 1,000 metal pieces found in Sandwell which will each be linked to the name of a metal worker

Wall of iron on show

THE history of the Black Country's metal industry will be explored with the help of a Wall of Iron.

The Forging Links project is holding an event at West Bromwich's Manor House on July 23 and 24 highlighting the industry. It will feature a wall of made from 1,000 pieces of metal which have been found in and around Sandwell. On each piece of metal will be the name of someone who worked in the industry

Forging Links project manager Julian Walker said: "Sandwell was the centre of the world's iron trade for so many years and this event helps to celebrate that and teaches people about where they have come from."

Meanwhile, Forging Links is appealing for photographs of metal bridges being built in Sandwell for a new book.

The Wall of Iron event will take place from 1pm.

Fear allows loan sharks to dodge jail

LOAN sharks targeting people in Birmingham and the Black Counry during the recession are avoiding prison because their terrified victims refuse to give evidence in court.

Almost 50 reports of illegal money lending have come before investigators from victims in the West Midlands over the past three years, but just six people were brought to justice – and no money was reclaimed in either 2008 or 2009.

The figures were released to The Chronicle's sister newspaper the Express & Star by the National Illegal Money Lending project – "Stop Loan Sharks".

This is a Birmingham-based, Government-funded scheme set up to tackle the problem of loan sharks across England. Head of the team Tony Quigley said they faced many challenges in bringing loan sharks to justice.

"Loan sharks are very nasty, both in the way they operate and in getting their money back," he said.

Intimidated

"Victims are often too intimidated to stand up against their lender and if they are the only witness, it can leave them open to risk. Our first priority has to be the protection of the victim.

"Investigations can come to a standstill for other reasons too. It's difficult to get enough solid evidence for a conviction, or it might be that inquiries are still ongoing. It can take up to three years."

He said the team had seized weapons including machetes and baseballs bats. They had been used when intimidating or beating their victims.

Mr Quigley added the number of people brought to court was only a fraction of the number of loan sharks estimated to be operating in the region.

The National Illegal Money Lending team consists of 55 staff, including investigators, police officers and community liaison officers, all based in Birmingham. The project, which has a budget of £5.2 million pounds for 2011, has managed to get £37m worth of illegal debt written off across the UK since it launched in 2004 and, last year, it reclaimed £163,000 for victims in the West Midlands.

Fake cigarettes seized

More than 4,000 counterfeit cigarettes have been seized in a raid on a shop in West Bromwich.Trading standards officers also seized 20 pouches of counterfeit tobacco, 100 counterfeit DVDs and three bottles of suspected counterfeit Bacardi rum in the swoop. The 200 packs of 20 cigarettes are thought to have been illegally smuggled into the country and, in all, the haul is thought to be worth £2,000.

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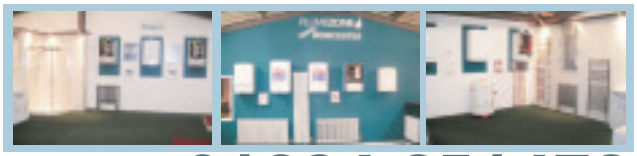

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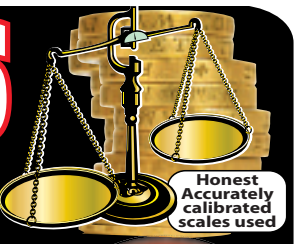

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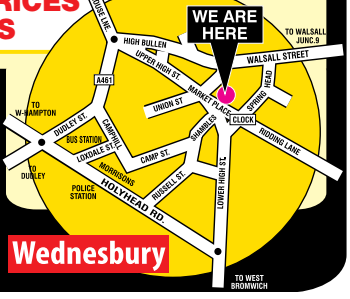

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Hidden gem is a step back in time

The amazing array of cutting tools are seen on sagging shelves

English Heritage's project conservator Bethan Stanley is seen one of the tool rooms

Bethan Stanley in the showroom

TUCKED away in the heart of the Jewellery Quarter in Birmingham is one of the most complete surviving historic factories in the city.

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This hidden gem of industrial history was bought from the Evans family by English Heritage in 2008 and has been lovingly brought back to life.

English Heritage spent £2 million on the project and now it is open for visitors to come and see what life was like working in a successful silver factory.

The factory was started up at 54 Albion Street in 1881 by Jenkin Evans. Mr Evans had originally started as an apprentice at silver works Levi and Salaman.

Such was Mr Evans' success he was soon able to buy out his partners and set up on his own. Over the years Jenkins extended the factory outwards and bought the neighbouring three houses.

Heritage

Despite his success you will rarely find a piece of silverware with the JW Evans mark upon it because he would sell his goods on to other manufacturers who would then silver plate them themselves.

The business was passed from Jenkin Evans to his son Austen Evans and his son Tony who sold it on to English Heritage.

Conservator Beth Stanley, who has been working on the project, said: "The fact is everything has been kept. Nothing has been thrown away so a century's worth of business history is just sitting here."

English Heritage are now organising tours of the Albion Street factory.

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Jenkin Evans and Elfrida Evans with their children

Some of the factory workers around 1905

A snapshot of time back in 1905 – workers gather outside the historic factory in Albion Street, Birmingham

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Queen's Birthday Honours for two women from borough

Childcare – Hilary Hastings MBE

HILARY Hastings, a 63-year-old childcare worker at the Sure Start centre in Birchills Street, Walsall, said it was a "massive surprise" being awarded the MBE after being put forward by her team.

The grandmother of five from Wednesbury said: "It's nice to think that what I have done has actually been a benefit to children."

A West Bromwich woman who helps homeless youngsters is also celebrating after being awarded an MBE.

Housing

Jennifer Johnson, 48, of High Street, has been working as a housing manager at the homelessness charity St Basils in Small Heath for the past 19 years.

The mother of one said: "I couldn't believe it. I have no idea who nominated me. I have worked with lots of young people over the years, so it could be any of them."

Help centre faces axe

MORE than 40 people are fighting to save a Sandwell resource centre which the council is set to close with the loss of two jobs thi s month. Hateley Heath Resource Centre in West Bromwich helps unemployed people seek work by providing newspapers, internet and phones. Dozens rely on it.

Sandwell's deputy leader, Councillor Mahboob Hussain, said: "We have no choice because of the scale of Government cuts."

He said users could get support at the Family Education Centre in Huntingdon Road.

New contracts for staff after union challenges council over mileage rate

THOUSANDS of pounds could be spent scrapping Sandwell Council staff contracts and drawing up new ones after it was claimed planned changes to mileage claims was illegal.

Sandwell Council sent letters to 700 workers telling them the amount they could claim for petrol would be cut from 65p a mile down to 45p a mile from August 1.

But at a meeting between council and union representatives last week, officers said that they had taken legal advice because the authority had not sought workers' agreement to the new terms.

They are now planning to scrap the old contracts and have new ones featuring the revised mileage rates drawn up before attempting to get workers' consent.

Edna Hall, a spokesman for Unison which represents hundreds of workers, said: "The whole point of these changes is to save money but what the council has actually done is add to the cost.

"When you think about officers' time, postage, legal advice, the cost of doing it again, we're talking about thousands of pounds. It's an absolute disgrace the way the council has dealt with it.

Unsettling

"They wrote to employees saying their contracts would be changed and when we challenged the legality of it, they took legal advice and found out we were right. They can't just say the rates are being changed, workers have to agree to it.

"It's unsettling for employees who will have to go through the whole process again."

Union leaders have accused the council of giving their members an "effective pay cut" and are considering taking action. This could include employees refusing to use their own cars for business purposes.

Council chiefs say the move will save more than £1 million a year, which will go towards the £75m of savings needed over the next four years.

Sandwell's deputy leader Mahboob Hussain said the council had not acted unlawfully. "It is not embarrasing," he said. "We are following the procedure and have taken legal advice. We are still on course to bring this in later this year."

Councillor Pauline Hinton, Terry Rogers, Amy Walsh, and pupils Andre Howell, Alena Smile, Syeda Hussain and Abu-Sufian Mohammed in their Secret Garden

Pupils' secret garden

GREEN-fingered children at a Smethwick primary school are getting to grips with gardening.

Children and parents at Cape Hill Primary are taking part in gardening sessions in the school's "Secret Garden".

Staff and pupils are working hard to transform the garden.

They have set up a 'garden gang' for pupils who plant seeds, water plants, collect fruit waste for the compost bins and keep the place tidy.

Derby-based composting firm Vital Earth is helping out, providing the school with compost, seeds and various tools for them to use as well.

Former Mayor of Sandwell, Councillor Pauline Hinton visited the school to find out more about the scheme.

Cape Hill Primary's learning support practitioner Amy Walsh, who runs the sessions, said: "We really appreciate Vital Earth's support in developing our gardening sessions for pupils and their parents.

"It is very important that our pupils learn about their natural environment."

Police probe fresh claims over jailed accountant

DETECTIVES have revealed they are to investigate yet more claims of fraud allegedly carried out by the disgraced former Tipton Town FC chairman Bill Williams.

Officers say they are probing a further three cases after the accountant was jailed for illegally pocketing more than £276,000 from the life insurance and pension policies of a murdered father.

Police spokesman Lee Page said last week: "We have had contact from three other people who claim they have been duped by Bill Williams."

Bill Williams

Mr Page could not give details of the amounts of money allegedly involved in the three cases.

Father-of-two Williams is just over a week into a five-and-a-half year prison term for taking cash owed to the daughter of murdered South Staffordshire company director Andrew Diack.

Mr Diack had created the policies on the advice of Williams, who worked as an accountant for Featherstone-based Spray Tanker Services, which 29-year-old Mr Diack co-owned.

Lavish

When Mr Diack, of Stafford Road, Fordhouses, was stabbed to death at Wolverhampton's Flying Dutchman Pub in 2009, Williams, who was listed as administrator of the two policies, set in motion a plan to steal the funds.

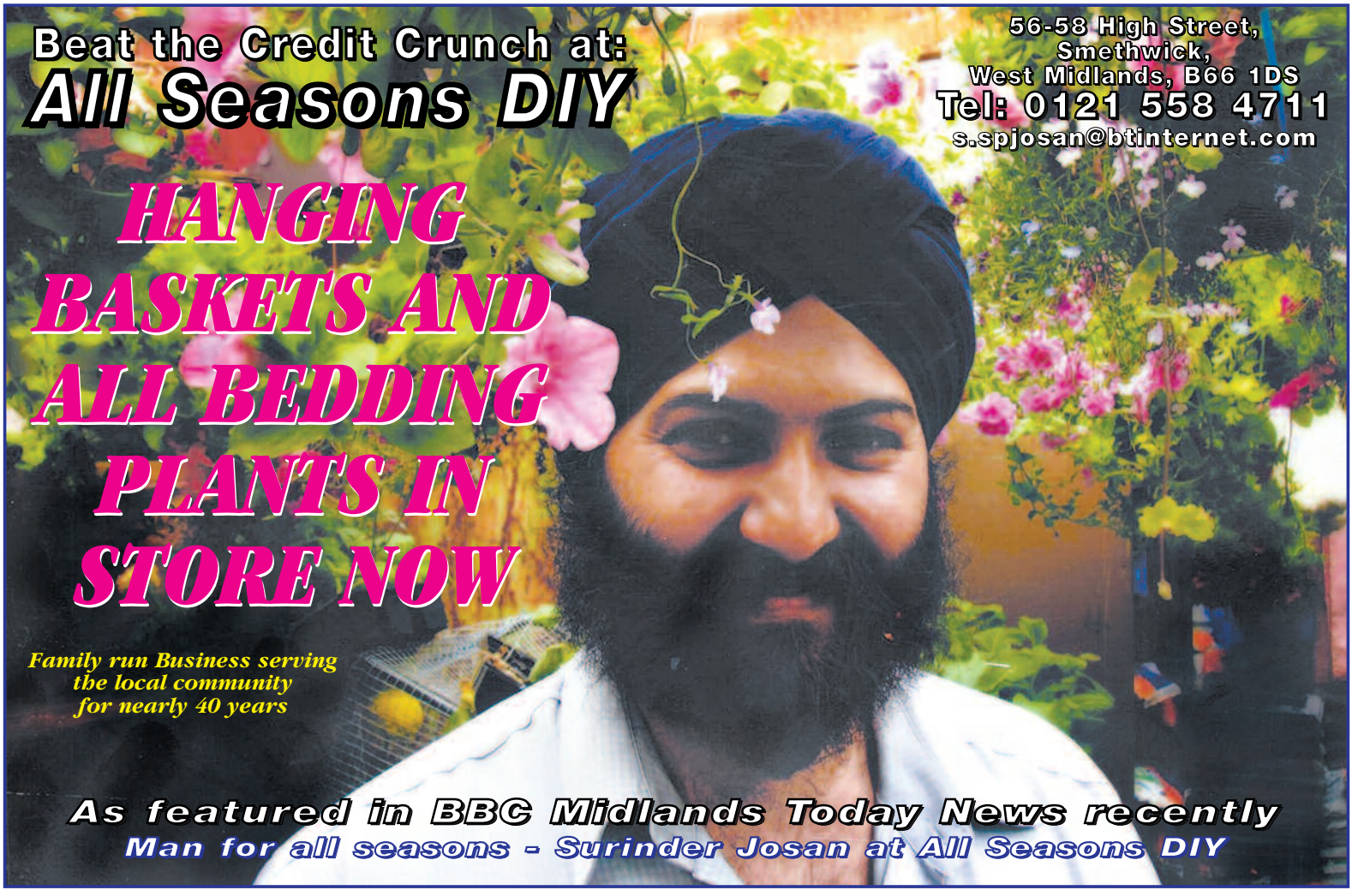
Williams, a grandfather of two of Chester Road, West Bromwich, spent the cash on luxury family holidays to the USA, season tickets at Aston Villa and lavish family parties.

Mr Diack was not the only victim of 59-year-old Williams.

He was jailed in 1986 for a previous £100,000 fraud while manager of Great Wyrley-based Harrisons FC.

He also ripped off Walsall pensioners Ronald and Sheila Haynes for their £97,000 life savings.

Now he has been jailed and declared himself bankrupt, it is unlikely Mr and Mrs Haynes will get a penny of the £50,000 Williams still owes them.



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Last brick laid on £18m office block

A 'TOPPING out' ceremony has taken place to mark the completion of an £18 million office development in West Bromwich.

The final brick of the new BT building in Providence Place was laid last Tuesday (June 7), just nine months after work got under way.

The 75,000 sq ft building, the first of its kind in the town since the 1970s, is expected to officially open in October.

It will bring 450 new jobs to the borough as well as house 500 Transform Sandwell employees who provide key services for Sandwell Council.

Representatives of Sandwell Council, BT and developers Stoford Ltd were on hand for the ceremony which took place on the roof of the state-of-the-art office development.

Councillor Ian Jones, Sandwell cabinet member for jobs and economy, said: "Providence Place is a vital part of the redevelopment of the town as high quality office space will help attract new investment."

It is hoped that the new building will generate £80m in new investment for the town by pulling in new businesses looking for top quality office accommodation with good transport links.

It marks the first part of the regeneration of West Bromwich town centre, which includes the £200m Tesco scheme, the creation of the new £25m A41 underpass, the new £77m Sandwell College, the £6.3m restoration work in Dartmouth Park and £10m new police station.

Jobs

Originally known as All Saints, the site at the junction of the A41 and All Saints Way, will become the new home for staff providing support services including technological, human resources procurement and finance to the borough.

Jon Andrews, managing director of Stoford, said: "This event is a landmark for one of the West Midlands biggest regeneration schemes that will attract business and create quality jobs in West Bromwich for many years come."

Dave Ratcliffe, CEO of Transform Sandwell, added: "BT is delighted to be opening this exciting new building and to be involved in the over all regeneration of West Bromwich.

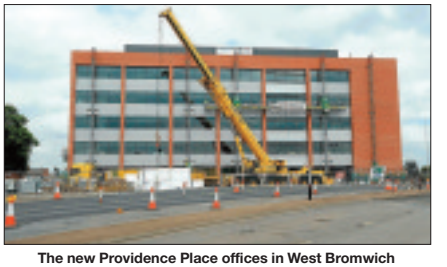
"The building will further BT's joint working with in the council, allowing them to utilise brand new flexi space and further expand their flexible working programme."

Earlier this year, the development site was renamed Providence Place, a reference to the chapel that was originally located on the site. It is located at the junction of the A41 Expressway and Cronehills Linkway, and will provide a total of £245,000 sq ft of new office space for West Bromwich.

Representatives of construction company Bowmer and Kirkland and Advantage West Midlands were also present at the ceremony.

For more information about the regeneration of West Bromwich visit the website www.sandwell.gov.uk/westbromwichregenereation.

Stoford director Matt Burgin, deputy mayor of Sandwell Cllr Ann Shackleton, Cllr Ian Jones and Neil Reynolds, president of global public sector for BT, at the Providence Plan topping out ceremony



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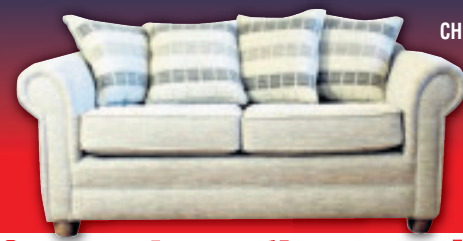

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Young carers' cash boost

AN organisation that supports young carers in Sandwell has been given a cash boost. Tipton Community Association has given Sandwell Young Carers a donation of £100 to give youngsters who look after ill or disabled parents and siblings a treat. The money has come from the association's own fundraising pot.

Tipton Community Association secretary Tina Rigby said: "We are a charity ourselves so any spare money goes into the community and the £100 was for Sandwell Young Carers specifically for young carers in Tipton. It is to give respite for young children who are carers for their parents. The money gives them days out, or a treat."

Park campaigner sad over loss of squash courts

USERS of a Sandwell park have spoken of their sadness after the council confirmed its plan to demolish disused squash courts.

People living near Red House Park hoped the buildings may have been saved for the community.

The Great Barr residents say the buildings, which adjoin the landmark house which gives the green space its name, could have been put to good use. Instead, the land is expected to be given over to parking for the new residents of the Red House, which is due to be turned into flats.

Bill Gunn, Chairman of the Friends of Red House Park, said he had battled for years to save the house and its outbuildings but without success.

He said: "The buildings haven't been used as squash courts for about 30 years and I had hoped to persuade the council to put in a community cafe or sports facility for children but I never got anywhere.

"The time has come to admit defeat, unfortunately, and it is better the land is put to some use rather than just sitting there empty."

The 80-year-old, of nearby Waddington Avenue, added: "It seems the first thing a council will think of these days is to try to build flats or houses. It is always about making money."

Newton councillor David Hosell said: "Getting rid of the buildings is a start towards getting the Red House brought back into use.

"I know the Friends' group wanted it to be used by the community but in the financial climate it just hasn't been possible although who knows what will happen in the future."

Dilapidated

In his application, Sandwell Council officer David Brown says the squash courts and public toilets are "dilapidated" and are "uneconomical to repair or refurbish".

Demolition work at the site could begin later this month.

Earlier this year work started on the refurbishment of a £200,000 sports pavilion in the park with new kitchen and bathroom areas.

The scheme also includes a meeting room and refurbished changing rooms and toilets.

Mr Gunn said: "It will be welcome as there are no public toilets or any facilities in the park at the moment."

Victorian family homes restored

VICTORIAN houses in Sandwell which were converted to flats in the 1980s have been restored back to family homes.

Sandwell Council's cabinet member for housing Councillor Simon Hackett said it was an innovative response to the growing need for larger homes.

The project, which secured £143,000 grant funding from Urban Living and work, was recently completed in partnership with Jephson Homes Housing Association and contractor Interclass.

Cllr Hackett said: "We are delighted these three properties have returned to their former glory. It is a huge achievement to renovate these properties back into family homes whilst retaining the architectural quality that respects the character of the Smethwick area."

The project has seen a property containing three flats in Wellington Road turned back into a five-bedroom house which could accommodate up to seven people.

Two more properties, in Bearwood Road and Waterloo Road, have been converted into three-bedroomed houses.

Trainees were recruited to work on the project through Sandwell Council's Local Training Scheme, and gained valuable experience .

The homes are being offered for rent through Sandwell Homes.

Sandwell Mayor Councillor Joyce Underhill, left, Elaine Hipkiss of Sandwell Witness Service; Bill Griffiths of Warley Heath Fitness Centre, George Mealey of St Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School, Jean Taylor, CEO of the Volunteer Centre Sandwell, with, front, Kate Cook of The Stroke Association, and Professor Carl Chinn

Awards for volunteers

SANDWELL volunteers were rewarded for their hard work at the 2011 Volunteer Centre Sandwell Awards.

The ceremony, held at West Bromwich arts centre The Public last week was hosted by historian and Express & Star columnist Professor Carl Chinn, with Sandwell Mayor Joyce Underhill also in attendance.

Entries

Five winners were selected from 85 entries. Award categories included environmental, health and social care, young, corporate and community organisation.

Bill Griffiths, aged 86, of Smethwick, a volunteer at Warley Heath Fitness Centre, and George Mealey, of Smethwick, who helps at St Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School and Kate Cook, 63, of Warley, a volunteer for the Stroke Association, won.

Jade Moran, 23 of Vflex Sandwell, also won with Sandwell Witness Support winning the community organisation award.

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Eight chase every job in borough

NEARLY eight unemployed people are chasing every job in Sandwell, new figures reveal.

Some 162,914 people on the dole are hunting for work across the region as a whole but there are only 33,507 vacancies.

A total of eight people are going for every vacant job in Sandwell, which equates to 13,259 people in competition for 1,661 jobs.

The data for April 2011 has been released by the GMB union. Joe Morgan, GMB regional secretary, said ministers should focus on job creation and boosting growth to stimulate the economy.

He said: "By seeking to eliminate the deficit entirely within just four years the coalition is strapping the economy into a financial straitjacket."

"The priority should be to get the economy growing again."

Growth

Chancellor George Osborne has promised to reform the economy to ensure "enduring growth and jobs in the future".

Prime Minister David Cameron has said the focus for the Government will be on encouraging new start-ups and helping firms expand.

Mr Cameron said: "We can only get our economy back on track by creating a climate in which the private sector can grow and develop, creating jobs and opportunities for people across the country.

"By developing the right skills and jobs I am determined that the many, not the few, will share in the country's prosperity," he added.

Sandra Barrett receives the keys to her new home from Lyng Community Association chairman Wendy Bodenham, as family members and Heather Townsend, of managing agent WHG, look on

Family move in

A FAMILY is making the most of a spacious new home in West Bromwich after living in cramped conditions for months.

Sandra Barrett and children Jodie, aged 19, and Joshua, 17, had been sharing a one bedroom flat in the town until Sandra received an offer of a new three bedroom house owned by Lyng Community Association (LCA).

Sandra, aged 50, on receiving the keys from LCA chairman Wendy Bodenham, said: "We're over the moon because now we've all got our own bedroom.

"It's so important to have your own space, we know that from personal experience, and it's something we will really appreciate in our new house.

"The house inside is absolutely gorgeous, the kitchen's so big I can get a table and chairs in, and the location of the estate is fantastic because the bus station, doctors' surgery, chemist and shops are all just a five minute walk away."

It is the first of 114 new homes being built for the community association, a registered provider of affordable homes, as part of phase two of the multi-million pound regeneration of the estate.

Concern at Southern Cross homes

RELATIVES of elderly people being cared for at homes run by Southern Cross Healthcare throughout the region have told of their fears, after it announced 3,000 jobs will be axed as it struggles with a major financial crisis.

Southern Cross, which has 20 homes in the Black Country and five in Staffordshire, and looks after 31,000 residents nationally, announced the job cuts after being hit by rising rent bills and falling revenue.

It made a £311 million pre-tax loss in the six months to March.

Earlier this month it decided to pay a third less rent to its landlords until September in order to stay afloat.

Resident

Angela Sims, from Cradley Heath, whose father has been a resident at Dingle Meadow Care Centre in Golden Crest Drive, Oldbury for the past few months, has told of her fears.

The 50-year-old mother-of-two, said: "Of course it is a concern. We're worried. If they are cutting staff it will affect the service. They need more staff not less. I wouldn't want to move my father elsewhere because he is settled here now."

Lorraine Westwood, home administrator at Lyndon Hall in Malvern Close, West Bromwich, said: "We don't know if we will be affected."

It is not clear if any of the care homes in the Midlands would be affected by the job cuts, which will affect seven per cent of the workforce.

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Insurance worker used company cash to pay massive debts

AN insurance worker from Sandwell who stole more than £1,500 from his employers has been given a community order.

Liam Clifton, aged 26, pocketed the cash after telling his bosses that he had banked it for them.

The father-of-two was found out when the money was noticed missing during checks of the accounts at Swinton Insurance in Bearwood.

Clifton, of Millpool Way, Smethwick, stole the cash to help pay off thousands of pounds of debts, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard last week.

Managers became concerned cash had been stolen and suspected it may have been a member of staff, said Mr Hugh O'Brien Quinn, prosecuting.

Enquiries revealed Clifton had been seen with the cash by his colleagues.

When confronted about it, he claimed he had taken it to a local bank. But this was soon found to be untrue.

Clifton was sacked from his job as insurance advisor, based in Bearwood Road, when he admitted the theft.

But he did not plead guilty straight away and originally denied the offence when questioned by police, the court heard.

Trust

Clifton was in £5,000 of debt, while his partner owed £35,000, including £12,000 she was overpaid in child tax credits, Mr O'Brien Quinn said.

Clifton pleaded guilty in court to the theft, which took place between January 21 and January 25.

He was given a 12-month community order and told to complete 150 hours of unpaid work and he must pay back the £1,518 he stole in full.

Judge Martin Walsh said in sentencing: "You took this money for your own purpose and to discharge your debts when it should have been banked by you or another employee.

"Theft from an employer is a serious breach of trust and the courts take this very seriously."

Mr Fergal Bloomer, defending, said Clifton had plans to move to Cambridge with his family to "turn his life around" after being offered a job by his uncle.

Albion shirt draw

BAGGIES fans have a chance to win a signed West Bromwich Albion shirt in a charity prize draw at Acorns Halesowen shop.

The 2010/11 season away shirt, signed by all of the players, was donated by a volunteer, to raise funds to help local children.

The prize draw will be held at the Acorns Halesowen shop on June 25 at 3pm. All of the money raised will go to support Acorns Children's Hospice.

For a chance to win the shirt it costs £1 per ticket to enter and entrants will have to answer the following question: "Who do Acorns care for?"

Mark Quigley, from Quinton, with granddaughter Leila O'Toole, eight months, giving the thumbs-up, with Acorns volunteers Sally Stephenson, Wendy Barber and manager Paula Rigby

Caring

Baggies fan Mark Quigley, aged 47, from Quinton, pictured here with granddaughter Leila O'Toole, aged eight months, said: "It's a brilliant shirt and I'd really like to win it."

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Burglar targeted neighbour's home

A BURGLAR targeted his neighbour's home and stole thousands of pounds worth of jewellery.

Rings, necklaces and bracelets were swiped by Colin Kane from Andrew and Sharon Hughes.

Much of the haul, worth around £25,000, has not been returned to the couple, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard on Friday.

His victims said they were "disgusted" at being burgled by a neighbour.

"It is a quiet place to live and you don't expect it," said mother-of-one Mrs Hughes, a lunchtime supervisor at Old Park Primary School, in Wednesbury. "He took things that are of real sentimental value to the family. Jewellery from my mum, Clara, and dad, Fred, was taken.

"They are no longer alive so it matters even more.

Mrs Hughes, aged 45, said her 12-year-old daughter Grace had not been able to sleep in her own room alone since the burglary on April 5.

Smashed

During the raid, Kane, now of Lime Road, Dudley, smashed into the Hughes' house on Grainger Close, Tipton, through the conservatory and ransacked the place before making-off.

It is believed Kane was living with a partner on Grainger Close when the offence took place.

He admitted one charge of burglary and was bailed to be sentenced next month.

Mrs Hughes, whose 47-year-old husband is a workshop foreman at Dudley Council, said: "He smashed the doors with a shovel and there was a right mess when we got back."

Prosecutor Mr David Lees said Kane had admitted the offence on May 13. He will be sentenced on July 8.

School moves to new campus

A SANDWELL secondary school has moved into its new home on a £40 million campus.

St Michael's CE High School has transferred to Rowley Learning Campus. The site boasts state-of-the-art classrooms, IT, catering and sports facilities.

Teachers and pupils moved to the school for an induction last week. A normal timetable began on Monday of this week.

Head teacher Rod Worthington said: "St Michael's is now in excellent, purpose-built accommodation on a spectacular site. It is the school that the students, staff, parents and members of the local community deserve.

"The last Ofsted report confirmed that we are making progress and these new facilities will enable us to raise standards by challenging all students to achieve their full potential."

An official opening ceremony will be held in the near future.

More than 2,000 packing cases of supplies and equipment were moved to the campus from the old site in Throne Road.

St Michael's is sharing the campus with Westminster Special School and Whiteheath Education Centre.

A 1,000 pupil business and enterprise college, it was the first school in the country to provide full access and special facilities for disabled children when it opened at Throne Road in 1973.

Hospitals ending mixed sex wards after fines

MALE and female patients are to have separate wards at Sandwell Hospital after work to comply with new laws finally finished.

Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust was fined £18,000 for failing to complete the £3 million work in time for a Government deadline of April 1. It had been due to be finished by the end of the summer but it has now been completed.

The trust has had to refurbish six wards so male and female patients can be cared for separately.

As well as revamping the wards, the trust has also hired 37 nurses and three physiotherapists to staff them, which will cost the trust an extra £1.4m in staffing costs every year.

Of the £3m spent, £450,000 has been spent on refurbishing a surgical day unit at Sandwell Hospital. About £2m has gone on refurbishing a medical assistance unit at City Hospital in Birmingham.

Another day care unit at City Hospital has had a £400,000 upgrade and three other units at City Hospital have been refurbished at a cost of £135,000 in total.

Only single sex wards at Sandwell General

Failed

In addition to the refurbishment of the six existing wards, the trust has had to open two new wards in order to comply with the single sex laws. Fines were introduced on April 1 for hospitals that failed to provide same-sex wards for patients.

From April 1 to May 20 the trust, which runs Sandwell, Rowley Regis and City hospitals, had had 75 breaches, resulting in fines of £18,750.

Hospital spokeswoman Jessamy Kinghorn, said: "We have had to use spare wards whilst we carried out £3m worth of work and could not split our final ward into two until all the other works had been completed.

"The final move was to be the opening of a new ward – D28 at City Hospital for male elective orthopaedic patients, so that D26 could become an all female ward. This was due to be completed at the end of June. The split of D26 into wards D26 and D28 was finished ahead of schedule, opening on June 6."

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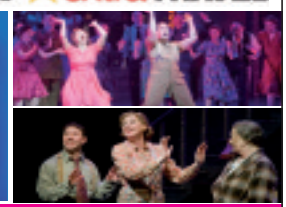

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Felt may replace copper dome at war monument

THE copper roof of an historic war memorial repeatedly targeted by metal thieves is poised to be replaced with a different material to deter further attacks.

The landmark monument at Barr Beacon has had its distinctive green roof stripped three times, forcing council chiefs to pay out up to £20,000 to replace it. They are now considering the dome with felt at a cost of £6,000 or another cheap material to make it unattractive to thieves.

The historic 50ft memorial and the land around it off Beacon Road, near the Sandwell-Walsall border, is to benefit from a £500,000 transformation with lottery cash.

Members of the Barr Beacon Trust are looking at a range of materials that may be suitable to repair the war memorial and will be meeting to discuss the issue.

Vice-chairman councillor Gary Clarke condemned those who committed the crimes.

"They are just yobs and their actions are outrageous. It is a priority for the war memorial to be repaired and make it more secure," he said.

The monument commemorates men from Staffordshire and Warwickshire who gave their lives in the First World War.

It recently emerged metal thieves are striking more than 15 times each day in the region – an increase of 70 per cent – as homes, businesses and the railways are plundered by thieves cashing in on the rising price of copper and lead.

Price hike for race sparks criticism

MEMBERS of a Black Country running club have criticised the new organisers of the West Midlands' biggest road race over the cost of the event.

West Bromwich Harriers secretary Gary Clifton said many of the club's members feel the £30 entry fee for the Bupa Great Birmingham Run is too high.

Mr Clifton said the hike from last year's event, which cost £25 for the public to enter or £23 for running club members, is too steep and warned runners may stay away and that many will feel betrayed.

He said: "Finances are tight for everyone at the moment and many in our club have been put off by the price increase and the fact there is no reduction for affiliated club runners.

"We pay into England Athletics each year to help the sport and we have been left feeling a little betrayed by what has happened."

Mr Clifton said many of the club's dozens of runners were unwilling to pay the higher entry fee following problems with the organisation of last year's race.

He said: "Last year there were problems with a very narrow start which was nothing short of a farce, as well as a very congested finish."

Repaced

The new Bupa event, taking place in the city centre on October 23, has replaced the Birmingham Half Marathon, which was launched in 2008 and previously managed by the city council.

Despite the runners' criticism, a spokesman for new organisers Nova International said the company believed the increased professionalism of the event would be worth the extra cash.

Spokesman David Hart said: "We believe the event is competitively priced. We will be making some changes to the race which should make it a better event for people which we hope they will feel justifies the price increase.

"On a smaller note, the VAT rate has changed since last year which makes a difference.

"The initial reaction we have had from runners has been very positive."

A place in the equivalent distance Great North Run is currently priced at £47.

More than 3,000 have signed up to the revamped15,000-capacity race.

Rev Nick Pelling, front right, receives a new flag from members of Sandwell Stride walking group, including the organiser Nigel Self, seen front centre

Former Legion is transformed into new entertainment venue

GREAT Barr's Valley Club has been transformed into an entertainment venue and will host a packed bill of opening events this month.

Businessmen Julian Phillips and Clive Thomason took over ownership of the former Royal British Legion venue, on Tanhouse Avenue, three months ago.

On Monday, June 20, the club, which also caters for private functions, will present a ladies. pamper night, offering an array of fashion and beauty products. Other events in June include live tribute acts, karaoke nights and an over 30s night.

For more information visit www.valley-club.com or call 0121 358 6286.

Baggies legend's cap back with family

Billy Bassett

AN England cap awarded to a former Albion footballer has returned to its family after being bought at auction.

The international cap, which dates back more than a century, was given to Baggies legend William "Billy" Bassett for appearances against Ireland in 1888, 1891 and 1895. It sold at an auction in Berkshire for £500 and was bought by Bassett's granddaughter Janine Ridler and her husband Roger who live in Oxfordshire.

Mrs Ridler, aged 71, said Mr Bassett had died three years before she was born but she had been brought up on stories about his football prowess while growing up in Weston-super-Mare. Her sons, Baggies fans Simon and Paul also took a keen interest in the star. It was from her sons that Mrs Ridler found out about the auction.

She said: "It's not in brilliant condition, but it was just quite emotional to have something that belonged to my grandfather as people speak so highly of him."

Right winger Bassett represented his country 16 times, scoring seven times, while his record for The Throstles included 311 appearances and 77 goals, plus two FA Cup Final medals. His iconic status stemmed from saving the club from extinction as a director in 1905, following the board's resignation.

Baggies legend Billy Bassett's England cap

Church proudly flies new flag

A NEW flag is flying proudly atop a Sandwell church thanks to the generosity of a walking group.

The St George's Cross was donated to Christ Church, in Birmingham Street, Oldbury, by the Sandwell Stride health group.

Church treasurer Shirley Lee said: "The existing flag on top of the church was starting to look a bit shabby so we were delighted to receive the new one."

Regular walkers with the Sandwell Stride group were among those attending the presentation of the flag to Rev Nick Pelling.

Nigel Self is the organiser of the West Bromwich branch of the Sandwell Stride scheme. He said: "We walk all over West Bromwich and our members had noticed the flag was starting to look a bit tatty so they had a collection to help out."

Sandwell Stride walks take place every Monday. For more information call Sandwell Stride on (0121) 612 3396.

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MALE 47, 5ft 9ins, warm, intelligent, hardworking, unconventional, unpretentious, likes books, museums, days out, laughing, seeks sensitive, intelligent female. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 369067**

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BLACK male, 50, young looking, likes nights in/out, seeks female, 28-60 for fun. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 368463**

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ATTRACTIVE male, N/S, easygoing, no ties, seeks female, 35-43 for friendship, hopefully LTR. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 368327**

SINGLE guy, seeks nice lady for fun, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 364395**

AFTAR 43, kind, caring, likes days in/out, seeks female, 28-40 for fun, maybe more. Sutton Coldfield. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 366853**

43YR old male, black hair, fun, bubbly, seeks special female for fun, cuddles and maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 368295**

SPORTY good looking guy, 37, OHAC, good job, likes meals out, pubs, cinema, nights in, seeks attractive female, 27-42. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 364633**

ALFIE 44, black hair, seeks female, any age for fun, friendship, cuddles, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 368267**

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MALE late 40's, medium build, N/S, seeks female, 30-40 for friendship. Shropshire. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 354793**

MALE 49, sensitive, caring, warm, body builder, seeks slim, attractive, genuine soul mate in the local area. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 368717**

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THOMAS 38, 6ft, dark hair, brown eyes, seeks lady, 35-50 for fun, maybe LTR. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 368671**

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GARY 34, 6ft 2ins, dark hair, blue eyes, seeks female for fun and LTR. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362888**

MALE 45, 5ft 9ins, medium build, seeks genuine female, 35-55 in Telford area. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 368571**

MIKE 49, slim, young looks, seeks female, 35-50 for friendship and going out. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 356651**

ATTRACTIVE soul girl wanted, 40-55, N/S. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362611**

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EASYGOING male, 40, seeks female for good times, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 366957**

BRIAN 60 single Walsall male, WLTM local lady having similar needs, hopefully slim-medium build. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 366629**

gay/friends seeking

BI-CURIOUS male, WLTM professional masterful male who stands out from the crowd, must be discreet. W Midlands. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 369433**

31YR old gay male, own home, seeks male, 18-35 for fun meets. Wolverhampton. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 368599**

MALE 34, attractive, 5ft 10ins, blue eyes, blond hair, seeks slim male for fun relationship. Any area, can travel. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 311892**

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thechronicle **LETTERS**

Councillor could have faced bill for £15,000

HOW very odd that Cllr Linda Horton (Letters, June 10) should be surprised that I am impressed by the new Blackheath Library?

As an elected ward councillor and voluntary elected representative of the Blackheath Business & Community Association since 1996, I happily acknowledge that I did play a major role in challenging the inept, inadequate and flawed consultation procedure of Sandwell Council, the authority that I represent.

May I remind Cllr Horton that the legitimate concerns were deemed sufficient to warrant a Public Enquiry? The BBCA were consulted extensively by senior planning officers when compiling the UDP (Unitary Development Plan) for the Regeneration of Blackheath. Our organisation and our knowledgeable input were referred to in the said document and the library relocation plan was met by our members with approval. It was the imposition of compulsory purchase orders (CPOs) on two thriving established businesses that was challenged.

Cllr Horton's statement that I refused to turn up at the enquiry is completely false.

Furthermore, at no time did I withdraw my objection. My reasons being that it would have been morally wrong to do so.

However, the enquiry was cancelled by the Secretary of State due to the fact that the two property owners concerned were made an offer, at the very last minute, which they could not afford to refuse. I was also advised that had the Public Enquiry proceeded, as the only remaining objector I would have been personally liable for the costs of £15,000!

This fact can be confirmed by the legal department of SMBC with whom I spoke and corresponded with on numerous occasions.

With regard to to the allocation of a room to hold my monthly surgeries, the term designate means to 'select and set aside for a purpose' – not implying preferential or partisan treatment.

Oh, and as for the comment, Cllr Horton, that I quickly 'Con-Dem' council decisions, there is an 'n' in condemn and no need for a hyphen surely?

Finally, be assured, Cllr Horton, that I will continue to question decisions made by this council, but I won't 'Labour' the point.

Cllr Mary Docker
Blackheath Ward Councillor
Deputy Leader of
Sandwell Conservatives
Timothy Road,
Tividale.

Claim that meters will be a tax on gardeners does not hold water

SO John Spellar feels that to expect people to pay for what they use (Sandwell Chronicle, June 9) is unreasonable does he? Perhaps we should call on his gardening friends and dig their gardens for them as well, or maybe provide seeds and plants for them.

The fact is that any sensible gardener will use a water butt which, together with connectors to the household rainwater pipes, can be easily obtained if what falls out of the sky onto the garden isn't enough.

If, however, they choose to use water that has been collected, purified and transported to their tap then of course they should pay for it.

John Walker,
Abbey Road,
Bearwood.

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Banks should shoulder their responsibilities as thousands struggle to survive on low incomes

AS a charity that helps many people experiencing financial hardship, including many pensioners, we read with interest the new report from HSBC on the current generation of Britons making little provision for their retirement.

For the thousands of people existing on low incomes, who are faced with soaring inflation, below-inflation pay rises, spending cuts, and an impending interest rate hike, long term saving for retirement is simply not an option.

Huge numbers of families are currently struggling to survive in an economic environment which is sown with deep uncertainty over redundancy, and serious concerns over the cost of living.

For the majority living on low incomes in the UK, making provision for their future is out of the question given all they are contending with on a daily basis, simply to continue surviving.

We would wish to see the banks target their resources more on financial literacy for those that need it, alongside more tangible support programmes for those in financial need, rather than the publication of more headline grabbing predictions.

Pointing out the facts is one thing but the charitable sector cannot be left to bear the burden alone when it comes to helping people. It is time the banking sector stepped forward to shoulder its share of the responsibility for overcoming the issues that too many people face.

Bryan Clover,
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TRAVEL thechronicle

Elementary choice for a London break

BUSY Baker Street, the road that links London's West End with leafy Regents Park, is a perfect central location for a capital break, particularly if you're a fan of 'The Great Detective'.

221B was the fictitious home of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's masterful creation Sherlock Holmes and just a few doors down from that famous address – at 108 Baker Street – is the plush boutique hotel the Park Plaza Sherlock Holmes.

This elegant yet contemporary townhouse has 119 bedrooms suitable for couples and families, including split-level loft suites with rolltop bathtubs.

Every room comes complete with flatscreen TV, tea and coffee making facilities, slippers and robes plus luxury Elemis toiletries.

The four star hotel has a 24-hour gym for guests plus sauna. Restaurant Sherlock's Grill has been awarded two AA rosettes and Sherlock's Bar is a popular venue.

The detective is a recurring image throughout the hotel via contemporary artworks and even a selection of pipe pictures.

There is no escaping the Great Detective on Baker Street. He's there on the tiles in the tube station, his statue dominates the main junction and a museum and shop is dedicated to Holmes, at the new 221b, where you can have your picture taken wearing a deerstalker and with pipe dangling from your jaw.

London's attractions are on your doorstep at the Park Plaza Sherlock Holmes. One of the country's most popular family attractions, Madame Tussauds, is just around the corner and the big three of London's shopping scene, Oxford, Carnaby and Regent streets, are all less than half an hour's stroll away.

Madame Tussauds is not cheap, full price entry for a family of four is £99, however, many visitors use money saving vouchers that are widely available (particulary via a well-known newsagent) which can slash the price by half. Where else can you get your picture snapped with Johnny Depp, The Queen, Lady Gaga, Posh and Becks?

The Park Plaza Sherlock Holmes

Ogre to you – Shrek at Madame Tussauds

Lifelike

The waxworks are superbly lifelike, featuring celebrities from history, Hollywood, Bollywood, sport and politics. There is also the shocking Scream with The Chamber of Horrors (for over 12s only) and the silly but fun slow rollercoaster ride through the history of the capital called Spirit of London.

It is worth the small extra fee to see the thrilling animated Marvel superheroes adventure in the 4D cinema which once housed the Planetarium.

A good tip about Tussauds is that, after the crowds have lessened at 5pm, admission drops to half price if tickets are bought online.

Nearby Regents Park also includes London Zoo.

There are lots of free attractions within easy reach. The British Museum with its mummies, Elgin Marbles, Sutton Hoo helmet, even a whole temple, is a must-see for anybody with at least a passing interest in history. Even nearer, The Wallace Collection has a superb art collection, including The Laughing Cavalier, and impressive display of weaponry and armour.

Being close to the West End also offers the chance to take in a show. Family favourites include The Lion King, Andrew Lloyd Webber's new version of The Wizard of Oz, and latest blockbuster Shrek, with Amanda Holden as the princess.

For more on the Park Plaza Sherlock Holmes: www.parkplaza.com/sherlockholmes or call 0207 486 6161.

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Tip-top website celebrates town name

A TIPTON man now living in Florida has set up a website celebrating towns and villages worldwide bearing the name of his hometown.

Prof Emeritus Ken Jukes left Tipton at the age of 18 to go to university. But despite now living thousands of miles away in America, he has maintained strong links with the town, with five of his six brothers and sisters still living in the Black Country.

Now living in Sarasota, Florida, the maths professor set up "Tiptons Worldwide" website after coming across another Tipton during his travels in the United States.

He discovered the hamlet, which had just three homes and a railway line, while travelling in Illinois in 1972, with his first wife Carol, a fellow Tiptonian and daughter of former Ocker Hill School deputy head Joe Douglass.

A life member of Tipton Civic Society, Mr Jukes, who now lives with wife Ildiko, 54, said after that he was hooked.

The former Tipton Grammar School pupil, aged 67, said: "Wherever I went after that I would always keep my eyes open for a local Tipton and started to keep a record.

"I am fascinated by the widespread locations and the origin of the names. Some may be linked back to Tipton in the UK, which is thought to derive from a Saxton chieftan named Tibb or Tibba, which evolved over the years to Tipton."

So far Ken, a father of two and a West Bromwich Albion fan, has found 17 Tiptons, including 15 in America, one in Australia and another one in the UK.

Wyoming

The smallest populated Tipton is thought to be Tipton, Wyoming, with a population of just 14. There is also a Tipton with a population of zero – which is a site for snow depth reading. He has also found a further nine "companion" places including Tipton Ridge, Tipton Saint John, and Tiptonville.

Mr Jukes added: "I grew up in the Park Lane East area of the town and came back for the Tipton Grammar School reunion in 2002. I try to get back when I can and was home for a family wedding just a few months ago.

"The reunion in particular really spurred me on to keep updating the website, which gives a summary of each of the areas, and has links to other websites with information about the individual towns and cities."

Ken is always keen to find out information about any other Tiptons worldwide and anyone who would like to contact him with information should get in touch at:

www. tiptonsworldwide.homestead.com

Yew know where you're going with new sign

FOR 40 years it has been without a sign, with nothing pointing visitors in the right direction.

But residents of the Yew Tree estate are celebrating after a new sign was installed.

One was originally removed in the 1970s when the dual carriageway was laid between Stone Cross in Sandwell and the Delves in Walsall.

But that sign was never replaced, and vice-chairman of the residents' association for Yew Tree and Tame Bridge Roy Jones got onto the case after it was suggested at a meeting that a sign was needed.

Centre

Mr Jones, aged 67, of Larchwood Road, Yew Tree, said: "It's important because with the community centre, there are a lot of people who come from other areas to use."

He said he was helped along by Councillor Tom Ansell, portfolio holder for transport at Walsall Council.

Roy Jones with Andy Perry from the road safety department at Walsall Council and the new sign

Brothers caught after hammering on roof in night

TWO brothers were caught red-handed stripping lead from a Black Country post office in the dead of night, a court heard.

Adam and Luke Power had already pleaded guilty to theft of the metal when they appeared for sentence last week.

Warley Magistrates Court heard that the brothers, both of Old Hill, were spotted stripping the metal from Old Hill Post Office at 4.30am after waking up a neighbour.

Prosecutor Mrs Jayne Yeomans said: "On May 11 a woman was woken by the sound of banging which seemed to be coming from the roof above the post office.

"She could see two or three men wearing dark clothes who seemed to be passing items to each other.

"She called the police and when officers arrived the defendants ran and there was a short chase.

"Both brothers were arrested and were found to be wearing dirty clothing.

"The lead was recovered near the scene as well as a hammer and wallpaper scraper.

"CCTV from the post office shows two men going repeatedly back and forwards outside the shop window."

The court heard the value of the lead removed was approximately £100 but the damage caused had been greater.

Adam Power, aged 25, of Applewood Grove, was given a 12-month supervision order and ordered to carry out a drug rehabilitation programme.

He was also told to pay £250 in compensation and to pay costs of £85.

Luke Power, 21, of Southbank Road, was also due to be sentenced after admitting a further theft of lead from the roof of a house.

Drug

Mrs Yeomans told magistrates: "On May 26 at 3am police attended Elbow Street in Cradley Heath where there had been a report of two males stealing lead from the roof of a dwelling.

"There was a chase and Mr Power was stopped and found with grey residue on his hands."

Magistrates adjourned Luke Power's sentencing for a report on his drug habit to be prepared.

He was returning to court yesterday (Wednesday) for sentencing.

The house in Park Retreat, Smethwick, after the severe blaze

Family flee blaze that wrecks home

A WOMAN and two children escaped from a house fire that devastated their Smethwick home.

Firefighters from Smethwick and Handsworth were called to a severe fire in a home on Park Retreat, off Suffrage Street at 4.40pm on Thursday.

The blaze is believed to have been caused by an electrical fault in a television set.

Fire crews said 75 per cent of the home had been destroyed in the blaze.

Crew Commander Ross Stephenson, speaking at the scene, said: "A woman and two children were out of the house by the time crews arrived. This was a severe fire which has destroyed much of the house and left the remainder severely smoke-logged. It took us around 20 minutes to put the fire out."

Furniture, including a child's bed, was pulled from the burning house and left in the front garden of the home on a quiet cul-de-sac.

Neighbours said the terrace was home to a young family. Homes either side of the house were affected by smoke but were not thought to have been fire damaged.

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Birmingham's Ruby Turner who will be appearing with Jools Holland's Big Band

Ruby's aiming to Turner focus on her reggae roots

BIRMINGHAM singer Ruby Turner is returning to her reggae roots for her new single Leaves In The Wind and is relishing a series of outdoor gigs as featured vocalist with Jools Holland's band.

Jamaica-born Ruby, who will be appearing with Jools and co at Ragley Hall near Alcester on July 2, says she was inspired to record reggae songs after narrating BBC4 TV's documentary Reggae Britannia.

"To me reggae was the music of love and some say it's lost its flavour but I love a challenge," says Ruby, who left Montego Bay for Handsworth at the age of nine in the late 1960s.

"This infectious style of music helped to bind communities and cultures. Regardless of race and colour, the many who embraced it made it their own. This was simply brilliant and a wonderful time, making me proud to be British. I listened to Gregory Isaacs, John Holt, Dennis Brown, and the female singers like Marcia Griffiths, Janet Kay and Carroll Thompson. Bob Marley was the main man, who brought the music to a worldwide audience, but when he died reggae lost its champion."

She has happy memories of growing up in Handsworth, where her mother still lives. "It was great. Yes, it had its problems but the community spirit was so wonderful."

Actress

Gospel was also a musical influence for Ruby but remarkably, given her soulful voice, her original intention was to be on the stage as an actress rather than a singer.

"Apparently, when I was five, there I was in the corner of the stage at Montego Bay Town Hall, giving it large. I was pushed on stage and jigged even more. I clearly wasn't shy." She thanks her headmistress at Handsworth Wood Girls School for Girls for setting her on the road to showbiz career.

"Mrs Hinchcliffe told me I should go to theatre school," Ruby remembers.

The young Ruby joined the Crescent Theatre, Birmingham and then the Old Vic, Bristol.

Her role in a rock opera brought demand as a session singer and led to her joining Boy George's Culture Club. A few years ago came the call to guest sing with the Jools Holland Rhythm and Blues Orchestra and Ruby, who now lives in Solihull, became a regular with Jools both on record and in concert, and on his popular New Year's Eve Hootenanny Show.

She describes Jools as "a generous musician". She gets her own five-song set in his show and she is enjoying the open-air gigs where audiences tend to get up and dance. "You know what we say, enjoy yourself it's later than you think," she adds.

Ruby will be with him again for his annual Christmas show at Birmingham NIA on December 17.

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Elisha Willis as Swanilda and David Morse as Dr Coppélius in the Birmingham Royal Ballet production. *Photo Bill Cooper*

Ballet's quivers, turns and glittering poses

TWO shows by Birmingham Royal Ballet's Director, David Bintley, round off the Company's 2010/11 season at Birmingham Hippodrome next week.

Allegri Diversi was first performed by Birmingham Royal Ballet in 2004.

Full of quivering jumps and turns, dance phrases that freeze into glitteringly unpredictable poses, Allegri Diversi is a sparklingly energetic classical ballet to Rossini's light and playful score.

In Carmina Burana, an encounter with the mind-blowing goddess Fortuna deals three seminarians a major lesson in the fickle nature of fate.

Compelled to abandon their sacred studies to pursue a more sensual approach to life, forbidden pleasures and physical temptations quickly become the young men's most eager areas of revision.

Soon the young celebrants are soaring with passion.

Meanwhile, the BRB present Marius Petipa's classic 19th century ballet Coppelia, about a toymaker who brings a mechanical doll to life. It's a family favourite.

Birmingham Rep's modern updating of The Wizard of Oz, The Wiz, features lots of Motown soul hits and a starring role for X Factor finalist Tamworth's Treyc Cohen, on at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre until Saturday.

Hot on the heels of two triumphant West End seasons, 1980s musical Footloose returns to Wolverhampton Grand Theatre for one week only from Monday, June 20, until Saturday, June 25.

Includes

Playing the dancing hero Ren, a role that launched the career of Hollywood actor Kevin Bacon, will be Adam C Booth.

The cast also includes Steven Pinder as the Reverend Shaw Moore. Steven is best known for playing Max Farnham in the long running soap Brookside, for which he won a Manchester Evening News Award for Best Actor.

The Bon Jovi Experience perform the music of the famous American rock band, such as Livin' On A Prayer, at the Grand tonight (Thursday).

Children's favourite steam trains Thomas and Friends chuff chuff on to the stage at the Grand on Saturday and Sunday for morning and afternoon performances.

Comedy highlights include: Mancunian comic Jason Manford at Wolverhampton Civic Hall tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday.

The king of the one-liners Jimmy Carr is at Dudley Concert Hall on Wednesday, June 22. If you can't catch him there, he will be at Wolverhampton Civic Hall on July 2.

Michael Jackson tribute show Thriller continues at Hanley's Regent Theatre to Saturday.

At Stratford, David Greig's sequel to Macbeth, Dunsinane, joins the Royal Shakespeare Company repertoire which also includes Rupert Goold's Las Vegas-set The Merchant Of Venice featuring Patrick Stewart, Michael Boyd's Macbeth with Jonathan Slinger as the murderous monarch, 'lost' Shakespeare play Cardenio and 17th century comedy The City Madam.

Weapon of Peace are back together

Weapon is reloaded

WOLVERHAMPTON 1970s and 80s reggae band Weapon Of Peace have got back together with a reunion show being held at the Robin 2 in Bilston on Saturday, June 25.

The band were on the brink of the big time during the punk-reggae boom, sharing the stage with such acts as Dexy's Midnight Runners, Haircut 100, Duran Duran and Stiff Little Fingers, and were label mates with fellow West Midlands reggae band UB40 on Graduate Records. Their best years were 1980 and 81 with the release of the singles Children Of Today, If and Jah Love. They also played in front of a crowd of more than 50,000 at the Jobs For Youth rally in London.

Cracks

The pressure of relentless touring had taken its toll and cracks began to emerge within the band, which fell apart during the summer of 1983, leaving behind a small but rich musical legacy.

Weapon Of Peace have now reformed, featuring the main lyricists Mick De Souza and Clyde McKenzie, fellow original members Clive Brown and Colin Palmer, plus four new members. These include saxophonist Alan Davies, who has worked with artists as diverse as soul man Edwin Starr and violinist Nigel Kennedy, and guitarist Bonna Brock from Wolverhampton band Sub Zero.

Explaining their decision to reform, Clyde McKenzie said: "Back then we were young and I don't think any of us fully comprehended what we had achieved. We just loved playing our music. It has since become apparent to us that there was so much more that we had to offer. So it's like unfinished business".

Tickets cost £8 in advance, £10 on the door. Call 01902 401211.

Review

Bright future beckons for singer Button

RACHEL BUTTON
GLEE CLUB STUDIO, BIRMINGHAM

IT WASN'T the best of starts for a concert on home turf with Rachel Button and her band walking on unannounced and then standing there looking a little non-plussed as the interval music continued to play.

No one seemed sure what to do or even have the sense to call someone else, meanwhile the band's singer sat down among the audience without a word of explanation or apology.

Rachel Button

This aside, Oldbury lass Rachel does have a fantastic voice with a vocal range which one suspects has yet to be tested to its limit and is unlikely to be found wanting.

The elfin-like Button, as you would expect from a new artist, has a limited repertoire but what she does sing she does extremely well.

She has a clear, sweet and distintive voice which could well take her far and you can't help but compare her sound with some of the major songstresses. When she sang Chalk and Cheese there were definite overtones of Bjork which gave it an almost mystical quality. Then there was the playful sound of Coach E which could easily have been one from Katie Melua.

She also has the quality of the great Joni Mitchell which came out on The Lost Daughter and on With Love you got a hint of a more soulful side to her talents.

There are no two ways about it Rachel has a clear, precise voice and everything she sings from Worst Enemy to Love Letters reflects a definite ease.

The band appeared to be caught unawares when the friendly crowd called for an encore and obviously hadn't planned for one so went back to one of the first songs With Love.

Rachel needs to decide which camp she is going settle in, be it rock, pop, folk or country but whichever she chooses there's every chance we are going to hear more of this local lady.

Danny Farragher

Saturday TV

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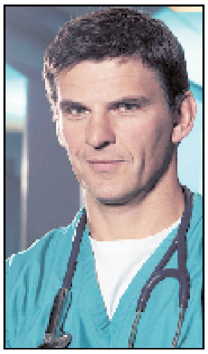


CASUALTY

(BBC1, 8.50pm).

This week, of course, it's no different, as Adam goes to great lengths to prove a point to his colleagues and Jeff and Dixie come to blows over a troubled teen. With Jordan on one of his efficiency drives, it doesn't go unnoticed to him how quickly Adam is processing his patients. Rather than be the pat on the back it was intended to be, though, Jordan's praise leaves Adam frustrated that he's losing focus on his patients. He gets a chance to prove Jordan wrong when an elderly man with terminal cancer is brought in and despite risking the wrath of Jordan and the oncologist, he ensures that the patient has a dignified death in his own home.

BBC1

[illegible] Breakfast. [illegible] Saturday Kitchen Live. [illegible] Rachel Allen: Home Cooking (R) [illegible] BBC News; Regional News; Weather. [illegible] Bargain Hunt. [illegible] A Question of Sport. (R) [illegible] British Olympic Dreams. Featuring swimmer Ian Thorpe. [illegible] Live Athletics. The European Team Championships. [illegible] BBC News; Regional News; Weather. [illegible] Total Wipeout. (R)

[illegible] **FILM: Kung Fu Panda.** (2008) Premiere. Animated comedy with the voices of Jack Black and Dustin Hoffman.

[illegible] **The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins.** Game show in which two pairs of complete strangers team up, each battling to outdo the other by listing as much as they know about a given subject. Last in the series.

[illegible] **Casualty.** Part one of two. Adam worries he has become too detached from his patients.

[illegible] **Lee Evans's All Star Cast.** New series. Entertainment show with guest James Blunt.

[illegible] **BBC News; Weather;** National Lottery Update.

[illegible] **Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow.** With Sarah Millican, Simon Evans, Jimeoin and Imran Yusuf. (R)

[illegible] **FILM: Enemy of the State.** (1998) Thriller, starring Will Smith and Gene Hackman; Weatherview.

[illegible] BBC News.

BBC2

[illegible] CBeebies. [illegible] CBBC. [illegible] Film: The Journey of Natty Gann. (1985) Disney adventure, starring John Cusack. [illegible] Escape to the Country. (R) [illegible] Royal Ascot. [illegible] Film: PT 109. (1963) Fact-based drama, starring Cliff Robertson.

[illegible] **Flog It!** From Plymouth. (R)

[illegible] **Dad's Army.** Wilson joins the aristocracy. (R)

[illegible] **Kennedy Home Movies.** Private film footage and memoirs of nannies who looked after the Kennedy children offer an insight into life as a member of one of the 20th century's most powerful families.

[illegible] **Have I Got a Bit More News for You.** Jack Dee guest hosts an extended version of the current affairs quiz, with panellists Caroline Wyatt and Jon Richardson joining Ian Hislop and Paul Merton. (R)

[illegible] **The Kennedys: A Culture Show Special.** Jonathan Freedland is joined by Tony Badger, John Sergeant, Anne McElvoy and Sarah Bradford for a discussion on John F Kennedy and his family.

[illegible] **The Kennedys.** Drama, starring Greg Kinnear and Katie Holmes. (R)

[illegible] **The Kennedys.** John F Kennedy marries Jackie. (R)

[illegible] Film: Evening. (2007) Premiere. Romantic drama, starring Vanessa Redgrave and Claire Danes. [illegible] Close.

ITV1

[illegible] CITV: Mini CITV. [illegible] CITV. [illegible] House Gift. (R) [illegible] Coronation Street. [illegible] This Morning: Saturday. [illegible] Animals Do the Funniest Things. (R) [illegible] ITV News; Weather. [illegible] Film: On the Buses. (1971) Comedy, starring Reg Varney. [illegible] Film: A View to a Kill. (1985) James Bond adventure, starring Roger Moore. [illegible] Regional Programmes.

[illegible] **ITV News; Weather.**

[illegible] **You've Been Framed! A to Z.** Harry Hill presents an alphabetical rundown of viewers' camcorder calamities and amusing mobile phone footage. (R)

[illegible] **Odd One In.** New series. Comedy game show hosted by Bradley Walsh.

[illegible] **Penn & Teller: Fool Us.** New series. The magicians challenge guest illusionists to outwit them with mind-boggling tricks, and offer successful performers a gig in Las Vegas.

[illegible] **The Bletchley Red.** New series. Couples take humorous domestic disputes to celebrity panellists, who discuss the merits of each side before deciding which partner is in the right.

[illegible] **ITV News; Weather.**

[illegible] **FILM: Notting Hill.** (1999) Romantic comedy starring Julia Roberts.

[illegible] The Choir That Rocks. (R) [illegible] The Zone; ITV News Headlines. [illegible] In Plain Sight. [illegible] ITV Nightscreen. [illegible] ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

[illegible] The Treacle People. (R) [illegible] The Hoobs. (R) [illegible] The Film Show. (R) [illegible] FIM Superbike World Championship. (R) [illegible] MSA British Rallycross Championship. [illegible] The Morning Line. [illegible] T4: Friends. (R) [illegible] T4: Hollyoaks Music Show. [illegible] T4: Glee. [illegible] T4: Bad Teacher: T4 Movie Special. [illegible] T4: Friends. (R) [illegible] T4: Style the Nation. [illegible] T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) [illegible] T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) [illegible] Channel 4 Racing. [illegible] Come Dine with Me. (R) [illegible] Come Dine with Me. (R) [illegible] Come Dine with Me. (R) [illegible] Come Dine with Me. (R)

[illegible] **Come Dine with Me.** Toby Young hosts the final night in west London. (R)

[illegible] **Channel 4 News.**

[illegible] **Whose Life.** Exploring the issue of placing elderly parents in care homes.

[illegible] **FILM: Mean Girls.** (2004) Comedy, starring Lindsay Lohan and Rachel McAdams.

[illegible] **Camelot.** As she prepares for her wedding to Leontes, Guinevere's home is ransacked by raiders and she seeks the king's protection. Drama, starring Tamsin Egerton.

[illegible] **FILM: Braveheart.** (1995) Oscar-winning historical epic, directed by and starring Mel Gibson.

[illegible] Film: Night Watch. (2004) Fantasy thriller, starring Konstantin Khabensky and Galina Tyunina. [illegible] Bob's Burgers. [illegible] Hill Street Blues. (R) [illegible] Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) [illegible] Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

[illegible] Milkshake! [illegible] The Gadget Show Shorts. (R) [illegible] How Do They Do It? (R) [illegible] Extreme Fishing with Robson Green – At the Ends of the Earth. (R) [illegible] Film: Objective, Burma! (1945) Second World War adventure, starring Errol Flynn. [illegible] Film: None But the Brave. (1965) Second World War adventure, starring Frank Sinatra. [illegible] Film: The Missing. (2003) Western, starring Cate Blanchett.

[illegible] **5 News Weekend.**

[illegible] **Cricket.** England v Sri Lanka. Mark Nicholas presents action from day three of the Third Test at the Rose Bowl in Hampshire, as the final match of the series continued.

[illegible] **NCIS.** McGee kills an undercover police officer while on duty and Jenny decides to approve an investigation into the death, placing a strain on her relationship with Gibbs. (R)

[illegible] **CSI: NY.** A vengeful killer wages a cyber war on healthcare workers. (R)

[illegible] **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit.** Benson and Stabler investigate the rape of a girl.

[illegible] **CSI: Crime Scene Investigation.** Part one of two. Stokes is kidnapped. (R)

[illegible] **Inside Hollywood.**

[illegible] SOXTRA. [illegible] SuperCasino. [illegible] Rough Guide to Bang for Your Buck. (R) [illegible] Great Scientists. (R) [illegible] HouseBusters. (R) [illegible] Hannah's Helpline. (R) [illegible] The Milkshake! Show. (R) [illegible] Thomas & Friends. (R) [illegible] Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2

6.55 Film: Dante's Peak (1997) Disaster movie, starring Pierce Brosnan. [illegible] Film: Deep Blue Sea (1999) Thriller, starring Saffron Burrows and Samuel L Jackson. Including FYI Daily [illegible] Film: Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels (1998) Comedy crime thriller, starring Nick Moran, Jason Statham, Jason Flemyng and Dexter Fletcher.

ITV3

2.00 A Touch of Frost [illegible] Agatha Christie's Poirot [illegible] Rosemary & Thyme [illegible] Doc Martin [illegible] Agatha Christie's Marple [illegible] Agatha Christie's Poirot

ITV4

2.50 Film: The Boys in Blue (1983) [illegible] Film: Follow a Star (1959) 6.55 The Sweeney [illegible] Minder. Arthur gets arrested after trying to buy a new car. [illegible] Film: Dirty Harry (1971) Thriller, starring Clint Eastwood and Andy Robinson. [illegible] Film: Magnum Force (1973) Action thriller sequel, starring Clint Eastwood and Hal Holbrook.

BBC THREE

[illegible] Great TV Mistakes [illegible] Top Gear [illegible] Film: V for Vendetta (2005) Futuristic action thriller, with Natalie Portman [illegible] Family Guy [illegible] American Dad!

BBC FOUR

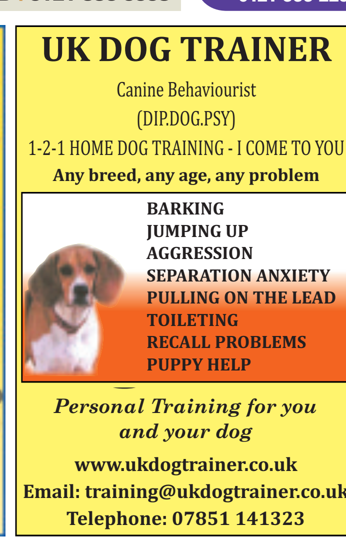
[illegible] The Art of Tommy Cooper [illegible] BBC Cardiff Singer of the World 2011 [illegible] Wallander [illegible] Botany: A Blooming History [illegible] Top of the Pops: 1976

E4

1.35 Hollyoaks [illegible] Made in Chelsea [illegible] Friends [illegible] Glee [illegible] The Big Bang Theory [illegible] How I Met Your Mother [illegible] Friends [illegible] Film: Employee of the Month (2006)

FILM4

2.50 Murder Ahoy (1964) [illegible] Anastasia (1956) 6.35 Cocoon (1985) Sci-fi drama, starring Wilford Brimley. [illegible] Taken (2008) [illegible] Jason X (2001)



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Choice

SCOTT & BAILEY
(ITV1, 9pm).

Britain's answer to Cagney and Lacey are back for another troublesome case, this one involving adult-film star Vicky Birkinshaw (Kierston Wareing). She reported her husband missing weeks ago, and is amazed when Syndicate 9 arrive at her front door to arrest her on the suspicion on his murder. Searching for clues, Rachel (Suranne Jones) has to go through Vicky and Gary's homemade pornography collection, but when Vicky's daughter Eve (Alice Grice) turns up with her much older, boyfriend, things take a dark twist. Lesley Sharp also stars.

BBC1

[illegible] Breakfast. [illegible] The Andrew Marr Show. [illegible] The Big Questions. [illegible] Country Tracks; Weather for the Week Ahead. [illegible] The Politics Show. [illegible] EastEnders. [illegible] Cash in the Celebrity Attic (R) [illegible] Escape to the Country (R) [illegible] Lifeline. [illegible] Songs of Praise. [illegible] Regional Programme.

[illegible] **Horrible Histories with Stephen Fry.** New series. Highlights from the award-winning sketch show.
[illegible] **BBC News; Regional News; Weather.**
[illegible] **Fake or Fortune?** New series. Investigating works of art with mysterious origins.
[illegible] **Countryfile.** Exploring the countryside of the North Downs and Surrey Hills. Matt Baker joins Chris Boardman to ride part of the 2012 Olympic cycling road race route at Box Hill.
[illegible] **Case Histories.** Part one of two. Jackson is involved in a railway accident.
[illegible] **BBC News; Regional News; Weather.**
[illegible] **Regional Programmes.**
[illegible] **[illegible] The Super League Show.** Including highlights of St Helens v Wigan Warriors.
[illegible] **Andrew Marr's Megacities.** Transport routes in heavily populated urban areas. Last in the series. (R) Weatherview.

[illegible] Sign Zone: The Apprentice. (R) [illegible] Holby City. (R) [illegible] A History of Ancient Britain (R) [illegible] BBC News.

BBC2

[illegible] CBeebies. [illegible] CBBC. [illegible] Something for the Weekend. [illegible] Flog It! (R) [illegible] Film: Decision at Sundown. (1957) Western, with Randolph Scott, John Carroll and Andrew Duggan. [illegible] Live Athletics. The European Team Championships. [illegible] BBC Cardiff Singer of the World 2011. Petroc Trelawny presents the final of the competition. Last in the series.

[illegible] **[illegible] Years of Wimbledon: You Cannot Be Serious.** A history of the annual grass-court tennis tournament, which has become one of the world's most famous sporting events.
[illegible] **Coast.** Nick Crane explores how Dutch engineers created massive coastal defences following the North Sea flood in 1953, which killed thousands of people in Britain and Holland.
[illegible] **Mock the Week.** With Chris Addison, Ed Byrne, Micky Flanagan and Diane Morgan. (R)
[illegible] **The Shadow Line.** Bede tries to complete his final drug deal as Julie's condition deteriorates, while Gabriel learns the truth about Counterpoint and agrees to meet Gatehouse. Last in the series. (R)
[illegible] **FILM: Disgrace.** (2008) Premiere. Drama, with John Malkovich and Jessica Haines.

[illegible] BBC News. [illegible] The Super League Show. [illegible] Close.

ITV1

[illegible] CITV: Mini CITV. [illegible] CITV. [illegible] May the Best House Win. (R) [illegible] Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) [illegible] 60 Minute Makeover. (R) [illegible] This Morning: Sunday. [illegible] Dinner Date. (R) [illegible] ITV News; Weather. [illegible] Survival Tales from the Wild. [illegible] Inspector Morse. (R) [illegible] Midsomer Murders. (R)

[illegible] **Regional Programmes.**
[illegible] **ITV News; Weather.**
[illegible] **The Royal.** Dr Ormerod is arrested on suspicion of murder after a patient dies following a visit from him. Dr Ellis holds a clinic at the prison and becomes trapped when a riot breaks out.
[illegible] **Popstar to Operastar.** The remaining six contestants try to master the art of the aria, hoping to secure viewers' votes and impress the judges. Hosted by Myleene Klass.
[illegible] **Scott & Bailey.** A porn star is suspected of murdering her husband.
[illegible] **Popstar to Operastar: The Results.** The two least popular contestants perform again.
[illegible] **ITV News; Weather.**
[illegible] **FILM: Bonnie and Clyde.** (1967) Fact-based gangster drama, starring Warren Beatty and Faye Dunaway.

[illegible] The Zone; Shopping and interactive gaming. ITV News Headlines. [illegible] Motorsport UK. [illegible] ITV Nightscreen. [illegible] ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

[illegible] The Hoobs. (R) [illegible] That Paralympic Show. (R) [illegible] The Grid. [illegible] Blenheim Triathlon. [illegible] T4: Style the Nation. [illegible] T4: The Crush. [illegible] T4: Hollyoaks. [illegible] T4: Friends. (R) [illegible] T4: Watch 32s RockCorps: You Decide. [illegible] T4: Glee. (R) [illegible] T4: The Simpsons. (R) [illegible] T4: The Simpsons (R) [illegible] Four in a Bed (R) [illegible] Four in a Bed (R) [illegible] Four in a Bed (R) [illegible] Four in a Bed (R) [illegible] Four in a Bed (R) [illegible] Help! My House Is Falling Down. (R) [illegible] Deal or No Deal.

[illegible] **Channel 4 News.**
[illegible] **[illegible]**
[illegible] **Four Rooms.** The dealers bid for a 7ft-long Victorian stuffed turtle, erotic photographs, hats designed by Vivienne Westwood, and a suit worn by Sean Connery during his tenure as James Bond. (R)
[illegible] **FILM: The Day the Earth Stood Still.** (2008) Premiere. A scientist tries to persuade an alien visitor to Earth that the human race should be allowed to survive. Sci-fi remake, starring Keanu Reeves and Jennifer Connelly.
[illegible] **FILM: Hitman.** (2007) Action thriller, starring Timothy Olyphant.
[illegible] **Stand Up for the Week.** Satirical comedy show hosted by Patrick Kielty. (R)

[illegible] Father Ray Comes Out. (R) [illegible] Dance for Eternity. (R) [illegible] The Private Lives of Pompeii. (R) [illegible] Secret History: The Spanish Armada. (R) [illegible] Ancient Egyptians. (R) [illegible] Men of Iron. (R) [illegible] Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

[illegible] Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. [illegible] Roary the Racing Car. (R) [illegible] Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) [illegible] Fireman Sam. (R) [illegible] Miss Spider's Sunny Patch Friends. (R) [illegible] Elmo's World. (R) [illegible] Chiro. (R) [illegible] Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) [illegible] Noddy in Toyland (R) [illegible] Hana's Helpline. (R) [illegible] Little Princess (R) [illegible] The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) [illegible] Mist: Sheepdog Tales. (R) [illegible] Rupert Bear. (R) [illegible] Olivia. (R) [illegible] The Mr Men Show. (R) [illegible] The Milkshake! Show. (R) [illegible] Animal Rescue Squad. (R) [illegible] Police Interceptors. (R) [illegible] The Restaurant Inspector. (R) [illegible] Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers. (R) [illegible] Film: Ten Wanted Men. (1955) Western, starring Randolph Scott. [illegible] Film: Operation Crossbow. (1965) Second World War adventure, starring George Peppard. [illegible] Film: Police Academy 4: Citizens on Patrol. (1987) Comedy sequel, starring Steve Guttenberg.

[illegible] **5 News Weekend.**
[illegible] **Cricket.** England v Sri Lanka.
[illegible] **FILM: Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves.** (1991) Action adventure, starring Kevin Costner and Alan Rickman.
[illegible] **FILM: Secret Window.** (2004) Psychological thriller, starring Johnny Depp, John Turturro and Maria Bello.

[illegible] Forensic Files. (R) [illegible] SuperCasino. [illegible] Magic in Moments. (R) [illegible] Great Artists. (R) [illegible] Nick's Quest. (R) [illegible] Hana's Helpline. (R) [illegible] The Milkshake! Show. (R) [illegible] Thomas & Friends. (R) [illegible] Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2
5.20 Film: King Kong (2005) Fantasy adventure remake, starring Naomi Watts. [illegible] Peter Andre: The Next Chapter [illegible] Paul O'Grady: Lady Gaga Special [illegible] Film: The Interpreter (2004) Political thriller, starring Nicole Kidman and Sean Penn.

ITV3
[illegible] Jane Austen's Emma [illegible] Film: Tea with Mussolini (1999) 6.50 Mr Bean 7.55 Agatha Christie's Poirot [illegible] Film: Air America (1990) Vietnam War comedy adventure, with Mel Gibson and Robert Downey Jr. [illegible] Film: The Accidental Tourist (1988) Romantic comedy drama, starring William Hurt.

ITV4
[illegible] British Touring Car Championship. Round live from Croft. 6.00 World's Wildest Police Videos 6.35 Film: Every Which Way But Loose (1978) [illegible] Film: Magnum Force (1973) [illegible] Film: The Enforcer (1976)

BBC THREE
[illegible] The World's Strictest Parents [illegible] Don't Tell the Bride [illegible] Little Britain [illegible] World's Craziest Fools [illegible] Family Guy [illegible] American Dad [illegible] Our War

BBC FOUR
[illegible] Hammond Meets Moss [illegible] The Car Show [illegible] A History of Horror with Mark Gatiss [illegible] Film: Day of the Dead (1985) [illegible] Festivals Britannia

E4
[illegible] Jo Frost: Extreme Parental Guidance [illegible] Film: See Spot Run (2001) [illegible] Friends [illegible] Smallville [illegible] Friends [illegible] Desperate Housewives [illegible] Being Erica [illegible] The Big Bang Theory

FILM4
[illegible] Tales from Earthsea (2006) [illegible] To Catch a Thief (1955) [illegible] X-Men: First Class Special [illegible] Buffy the Vampire Slayer (1992) [illegible] District 13 (2004) [illegible] Final Destination 3 (2006)

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Doreen's story

I have so much to thank Mr Burchell for . . . his advice and wonderful treatment.

I had a history of problems with my own teeth and received a lot of treatment in hospital. The implants I were advised to consider have been wonderful, but I found it a difficult decision to make. I hadn't heard of the procedure for dentures, but how glad I am that I took Mr Burchell's advice.

To say I am pleased with my new teeth is an understatement.

They are absolutely perfect and a pleasure to wear. I love to show them off. The difference the implants make to the security of the denture is simply unbelievable, it really is life-changing for me.

I found Mr Burchell's expertise second to none and he went to so much trouble to make each visit to the clinic a pleasure.

In the past I would have to consider what food to eat and there was always a problem with food particles becoming trapped under the bottom denture. I no longer have any problem at all and do not have to consider what food I should have or how to eat it.

Life has changed dramatically. The dentures are so stable I no longer have to cut an apple to eat it.Another great benefit is that I don't have to continually wash my dentures.

I can understand how people would feel nervous about having implants. I am 81 and certainly don't feel too old to invest in such a life-changing experience.

Peter's story

I can eat anything, but that's not always been the case. It's as if I have my natural teeth back and I cannot believe the difference.

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On my first consultation I explained the difficulty I was having in stopping my lower dentures from moving around and not being retained in a comfortable position.

He suggested I visited implant dentist Jonathan Pugh to determine if I would be suitable for the procedure. I agreed, but not without reservation due to procedure involved. My consultation with Mr Pugh was professional and reassuring and the X-rays he took showed I had sufficient bone to support two implants which could secure my lower denture.

The insertion of the implants was painless – no different to having a filling.

Mr Burchell fitted my perfectly-crafted dentures, securing them to the implants.

They were a superb fit, a situation I had not experienced for a number of years. While initial costs may appear high, having considered the long-term benefits of the treatment, I felt confident I was making the right decision.

The stability of the denture is just great and I can happily go to any restaurant without thinking about what suitable choice might be on the menu.

TRANSFORMATIONS

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Terry's story

I'm a confident guy, you know, nothing really keeps me down – even when things are not good. But I had nine years of trouble with my teeth and eventually it began to erode my confidence.

I would never have believed it; I'd have a laugh about it, but it really isn't funny when you have unresolved problems with false teeth.

My dentist eventually referred me to Mr Burchell to see if there was some way of making my plates fit properly. The difference now is a world apart. My plates fit perfectly, look like my real teeth and I can live life impulsively once again. Before, if I was going to a restaurant, I would have to use a fixative to secure my teeth. That was okay if I could eat within a couple of hours of using the fixative. Anytime after that, it was hopeless, but now I can tackle anything. Previously, I had never been in contact with an actual denture-maker, teeth had always been prescribed through a dentist and the difference for me was incredible. There were five stages on the route to my final prescription and the treatment I received at every point was excellent. My teeth were well worth the money – what price can you put on being able to eat normally and socialise without embarrassment?

My confidence is back and Mr Burchell did everything he said he would: That my teeth would fit, I would be able to chew properly and they'd look real, totally natural.To sum up, there's nothing I have attempted to eat, which I have not been able to.

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 10.35 Wimbledon Review 2010. 11.30 Daily Politics. 12.00 Wimbledon 2011. The opening day's play at the All England Championships. 3.25 CBBC. 5.50 Wimbledon 2011. Further coverage of the opening day of the championships. 8.00 Today at Wimbledon. 9.00 Made in Britain. 10.00 James May's Things You Need to Know. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Kennedy Home Movies. (R) 12.15 The Tudors. (R) 1.10 BBC News. 3.25 Close.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 60 Minute Makeover. (R) 3.00 Secret Dealers. 3.50 Regional Weather. 4.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 5.00 Dinner Date. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 The Dales. 8.30 Coronation Street. 9.00 Four of a Kind. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Film: Lethal Weapon 3. (1992) Action thriller sequel, with Mel Gibson and Danny Glover. 12.45 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.50 Nightwatch with Steve Scott. (R) 3.40 ITV Nightscreen. 4.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.10 Sail Mail. (R) 6.15 The Hoobs. (R) 6.40 The Hoobs. (R) 7.05 Freshly Squeezed. 7.35 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.00 Frasier. (R) 8.30 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Friends. (R) 9.30 Back to You. (R) 9.55 Location, Location, Location. (R) 10.55 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 Superscrimpers: Waste Not Want Not. (R) 12.35 River Cottage Bites. 12.50 Film: The Drum. (1938) Period adventure, starring Sabu. 2.40 Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Four in a Bed. 5.30 Come Dine with Me. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 Conservation's Dirty Secrets: Dispatches. 9.00 Embarrassing Fat Bodies. 10.00 Film: Shes the Man. (2006) Romantic comedy, starring Amanda Bynes and Channing Tatum. 12.05 Music on 4: Biffy Clyro: Live at Wembley. 12.35 Poker. 1.35 24 Hours in A&E. (R) 2.30 Embarrassing Bodies: Live from the Clinic. (R) 3.25 Bob's Burgers. 3.50 Hill Street Blues. (R) 4.35 Machines Time Forgot. (R) 5.30 Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) 5.55 Sail Mail. (R)

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Tuesday

BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Crimewatch Roadshow. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Real Rescues. 11.45 Cash in the Attic. (R) BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.45 Wimbledon 2011. Day two of the All England Championships. 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 7.00 The One Show. 7.30 EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News. 8.00 Holby City. 9.00 Luther. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather.; National Lottery Update. 10.35 Abused: Breaking the Silence. 11.25 The Scheme; Weatherview. 12.30 Sign Zone: The Animal's Guide to Britain. (R) 1.30 The Country House Revealed. (R) 2.30 Fake Britain. (R) 3.05 Great British Railway Journeys. (R) 3.35 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 10.30 Yesterday at Wimbledon. (R) 11.30 Daily Politics. 12.00 Wimbledon 2011. Live coverage of the second day's play at the All England Club. 3.25 CBBC. 5.50 Wimbledon 2011. Further live coverage from the All England Club. 8.00 Today at Wimbledon. Highlights of the second day's play in the All England Championships. 9.00 Three Men Go to Venice. Rory McGrath, Dara O Briain and Griff Rhys Jones travel to the Italian city. 10.00 Lead Balloon. Rick hosts a stand-up comedy workshop. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Coast. (R) 12.20 The Tudors. (R) 1.15 BBC News. 3.35 Close.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 60 Minute Makeover. (R) 3.00 Secret Dealers. 3.50 Regional Weather. 4.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 5.00 Dinner Date. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Animal Kingdom. 8.00 Countrywise. 9.00 Baby Hospital. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Film: Inside I'm Dancing. (2004) Drama, starring James McAvoy. 12.30 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.30 Crossing Jordan. 3.20 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.00 The Treacle People. (R) 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.55 Frasier. (R) 8.25 Frasier. (R) 8.55 Friends. (R) 9.25 Back to You. (R) 9.55 Location, Location, Location. (R) 10.55 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 Superscrimpers: Waste Not Want Not. (R) 12.35 River Cottage Bites. (R) 12.45 River Cottage Bites. (R) 12.55 Film: The Four Feathers. (1939) Period adventure, starring John Clements. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Four in a Bed. 5.30 Come Dine with Me. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 Four Rooms. 9.00 The Fairy Jobmother. 10.00 Jamie's Food Revolution Hits Hollywood. 11.05 Alan Carr: Chatty Man. (R) 12.05 European Poker Tour. 1.10 FIM Superbike World Championship. 1.35 MSA British Rallycross Championship. (R) 2.05 The Grid. (R) 2.30 NOTV Boxing Weekly. 2.55 Blenheim Triathlon. (R) 3.25 Catching the Impossible. (R) 4.15 Demolition Day. (R) 5.10 Man on Earth. (R)

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Wednesday

BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Crimewatch Roadshow. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Real Rescues. 11.45 Cash in the Attic. (R) BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Wimbledon 2011. Live coverage of the opening matches on day three. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.45 Wimbledon 2011. Live coverage of the third day's proceedings. 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 7.00 The One Show. 7.30 Waterloo Road; BBC News; Regional News. 8.30 In with the Flynns. 9.00 The Apprentice. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 The National Lottery Wednesday Night Draws. 10.45 Not Going Out. (R) 11.15 Film: Extreme Measures. (1996) Thriller, starring Hugh Grant; National Lottery Update; Weatherview. 1.10 Sign Zone: See Hear. (R) 1.40 Country Tracks. (R) 2.35 Saints and Scroungers. 3.05 Great British Railway Journeys. (R) 3.35 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 10.30 Yesterday at Wimbledon. (R) 11.30 Daily Politics. 1.00 Wimbledon 2011. Live coverage of the third day's play. 3.25 CBBC. 5.50 Wimbledon 2011. The third day's play continues at the All England Club. 8.00 Today at Wimbledon. Reflections on the third day's play at the All England Championships. 9.00 Afghanistan: War without End? John Ware examines the last decade of conflict. 10.00 The Apprentice: You're Fired! 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Three Men Go to Venice. (R) 12.20 The Tudors. (R) 1.15 BBC News. 3.35 Close.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 60 Minute Makeover. (R) 3.00 Secret Dealers. 3.50 Regional Weather. 4.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 5.00 Dinner Date. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Fons in Paradise. 8.00 Lewis. (R) 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 The Kids Are Alright. 11.35 Baby Hospital. (R) 12.30 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.35 Film: True Crime. (1999) Crime thriller, starring Clint Eastwood. 4.40 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.55 Frasier. (R) 8.25 Frasier. (R) 8.55 Friends. (R) 9.25 Back to You. (R) 9.50 Location, Location, Location. (R) 10.55 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 Kirstie's Homemade Home. (R) 1.05 Film: The Thief of Bagdad. (1940) Fantasy adventure, starring Sabu. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Four in a Bed. 5.30 Come Dine with Me. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 Embarrassing Bodies: Live from the Clinic. 9.00 24 Hours in A&E. 10.00 Desperate Housewives. 11.05 8 Out of 10 Cats. 11.50 Music on 4: Live from Abbey Road. 12.40 Music on 4: The Album Chart Show: Spotlight. 12.55 Music on 4: Music for the People. 1.10 Music on 4: 4Music Favourites: Avril Lavigne. (R) 1.35 Film: My First Mister. (2001) Drama, starring Leelee Sobieski. 3.30 Conservation's Dirty Secrets: Dispatches. (R) 4.25 Hill Street Blues. (R) 5.20 Countdown. (R)

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 6.55 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 10.30 Yesterday at Wimbledon. (R) 11.30 Daily Politics. 12.00 Wimbledon 2011. Day four gets under way at the All England Club. 3.25 CBBC. 5.50 Wimbledon 2011. Further live coverage of the fourth day's play. 8.00 Today at Wimbledon. A round-up of the fourth day's play. 9.00 History Cold Case. New series investigating the remains of 17 people discovered in Norwich. 10.00 Mock the Week. With Chris Addison, Stewart Francis and Ava Vidal. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Afghanistan: War without End? (R) 12.20 The Tudors. (R) 1.15 BBC News. 4.25 Close.

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Channel 4 6.05 Sail Mail. (R) 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.55 Frasier. (R) 8.25 Frasier. (R) 8.55 Friends. (R) 9.25 Back to You. (R) 9.55 Location, Location, Location. (R) 10.55 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 Kirstie's Homemade Home. (R) 1.05 Film: Jungle Book. (1942) Adventure, starring Sabu. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Four in a Bed. 5.30 Come Dine with Me. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 Help! My House Is Falling Down. 9.00 Born to Be Different. 10.00 The Sex Researchers. 11.05 King Of. 11.50 The Film Show. 12.25 Style the Nation. (R) 12.55 Music on 4: The Album Chart Show Introduces – Parade. 1.10 Music on 4: 4Play: Kasabian. (R) 1.20 The Model Agency. (R) 2.15 Film: The September Issue. (2009) Documentary profile of American Vogue editor Anna Wintour. 3.50 I Hate That Smile. (R) 3.55 Hill Street Blues. (R) 4.50 Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) 5.15 Countdown.

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 6.55 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 10.30 Yesterday at Wimbledon. (R) 11.30 Daily Politics. 12.00 Wimbledon 2011. Live coverage from the grass courts of the All England Club. 3.25 CBBC. 5.50 Wimbledon 2011. Live coverage through to the close of play on day five. 8.00 Today at Wimbledon. 9.00 The Kennedys. 9.45 Glastonbury 2011. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.05 Glastonbury 2011. 2.00 Close.

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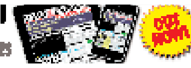

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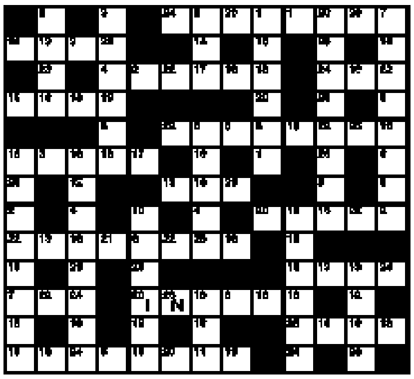
Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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P	U	V	H	S	J	C	B	Q	R	O	E	G

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues – both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. If you want to make it, you will (3)
8. Fabulous bird in a track! (3)
9. Was uneasy pacing, having a house on the pavement (6,5)
11. Collects in the rags, perhaps (7)
12. Buy one a drink for medicinal purposes? (5)
13. Flag officer? (6)
15. Staff provided to help the disabled (6)
17. Sailor returned to show an old card game (5)
18. Took the meeting and was carried off triumphantly (7)
20. A case perhaps for harmless pursuits (11)
22. A weed in Lancashire (3)
23. He is known in society for caring for money (3)

Down

2. Time for some other adventures (3)
3. Put on an fish, we hear (5)
4. This son normally succeeds (6)
5. A fortuitous swindler (7)
6. Order a grid to members (7,4)
7. Made one's mark as a non runner? (5)
10. He's after a fortune with a strip of leather – calamity! (11)
11. Barge rate turned out to be a star nominal (6,4)
14. Attempt to pocket a ball, but lose one's nerve? (2,2,3)
16. A shipping company, we hear, to make a profit (6)
19. Fly from a ship (5)
21. The rate that has been deducted before (3)

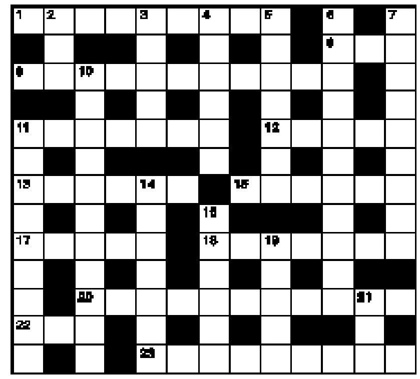
Quick Clues:

Across

1. Inestimable (3)
8. Possess (3)
9. Excitement (11)
11. Bishopric (7)
12. Exult (5)
13. Iterate (6)
15. Lower (6)
17. Mark of omission (5)
18. Forestall (7)
20. Doubtfulness (11)
22. Faint (3)
23. Efforts (3)

Down

2. Decay (3)
3. Draw out (5)
4. Exultant (6)
5. Gravel (7)
6. Comfort (11)
7. Pleasure (5)
10. Untimely (11)
11. Instruction (5)
14. Object (7)
16. Scanty (6)
19. Precise (5)
21. Tawny (3)



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CRYPTIC – Across: [illegible] QUICK – Across: [illegible]

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Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

	4			6	8			2
	6				9		5	
1		5		3	7			6
	2	6			3			
		4				2		
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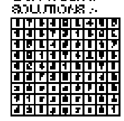
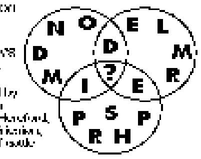
9			6		4	8		1
	7				5		6	
4			9	2			7	

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS –



Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION
The letter represented by the question mark is S. Hereford, Longhorn, Friesian, all breeds of cattle.

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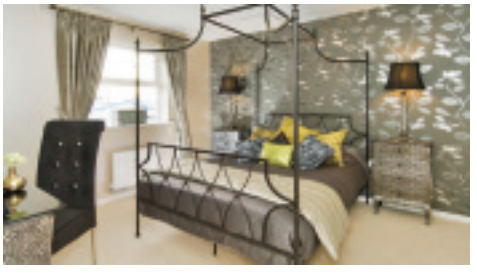
Good news for home buyers

Bloor Homes are offering the HomeBuy Direct (HBD) scheme at its Satchwell Grange development in Wednesbury. To make sure they secure their dream home before the funding allocation and limited plots get snapped up, buyers are being urged to visit the development.

HBD, is a success in offering a lifeline to homebuyers in these days of limited mortgage supply. It is a Government backed shared equity scheme that is designed to help first time buyers, key workers and those in need of affordable housing to get out of rented accommodation and own their own new home. It does this by providing an equity loan of up to 30% of the value of the property. This equity loan is co-funded by Bloor Homes and the Government. It has favourable terms, in that the equity loan can be repaid over the next 25 years and has no interest charges for the first five years. After the first five years the interest is capped at 1.75% with annual increases in line with the retail price index, plus 1%.

With a small deposit, people qualifying for HomeBuy Direct need only a 66.5% mortgage to own 100% of the property as soon as they move in. In borrowing up to 66.5% of the property value, the home buyers are in a stronger position when seeking a mortgage offer.
Because, with their minimum 3.5% deposit they are seeking a mortgage of 66.5% or less, the monthly repayments will be lower than say a 95% or 100% mortgage of the pre credit-crunch days.

Anne Cadman, Bloor Homes West Midlands Sales Director said: "This is a great opportunity for buyers to purchase their first home at affordable prices. Interest rates are still low and there is a new allocation of HomeBuy Direct properties available. House prices are on the rise, particularly in the southeast. In the West Midlands there are positive signs that the market is on the up, which will force prices up, as building land values are still high. The underlying strength of the market is further confirmed with increased visitor levels across our sites, with customers looking to take advantage of the help that is currently available on new build properties."



New HBD releases at the development include the 'Mayfield' a 2 bedroom home priced at £129,950 with a minimum of 3.5% deposit (£4,548.25), just £90,965 now on the HBD scheme and a large family 4 bed detached Dunsley priced at £225,000 with a minimum 3.5% (£7,875), just £157,500 now on the HBD scheme. Also available is the 5 bed 3 storey detached Radley with double garage priced at £299,950 with a minimum 3.5% (£10,498.25), just £209,965 now on the HBD scheme.

Make a Date...

To visit this weekend and our Sales Advisor will be able to discuss the plots and prices available and can also put you in touch with a representative from Orbit, the Government appointed agent for HomeBuy Direct and an Independent Financial Adviser, to answer any questions.

Where...

Bloor Homes 'Satchwell Grange' Wednesbury is located off junction 9 or 10 on the M6 and then take the A461, onto Woden Road West, WS10 7TB. Telephone 0121 505 1812. Web site www.bloorhomes.com/satchwell

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Showhomes give taste of life at Cedar Drive

An artist's impression of the terraced Woburn homes

THREE stylish showhomes now open at Taylor Wimpey's popular Cedar Drive development in Oldbury offer inspiration to housebuyers.

The two-bedroom Woburn, three-bedroom Kingsford and four-bedroom Malvern showhomes provide first-time buyers, couples, growing families and downsizers alike the chance to experience the lifestyle that can be enjoyed in this new community.

Jan Titley, Regional Sales and Marketing Director for Taylor Wimpey, said: "These beautiful properties offer a unique insight into what life could be like at this fabulous development and are an inspiration for every type of buyer looking for their ideal home in a superb location."

The Woburn terraced house can be purchased from £106,246 with Taylor Wimpey's easystart shared equity initiative, based on 85% of the full asking price using easystart

This home features a contemporary kitchen, an open plan lounge/dining room opening through French doors to the private rear garden plus a handy guest cloakroom off the entrance hallway. Upstairs, the landing leads to two well-proportioned bedrooms and a main bathroom, while allocated parking can be found outside.

Under easystart, purchasers need find a deposit as low as 5 per cent and Taylor Wimpey will put them in touch with an independent financial advisor to help arrange a mortgage covering up to 80 per cent of the price. The remaining 15 per cent is provided by the housebuilder in the form of an interest-free loan which can be repaid in up to three instalments over a 10-year period.

Full details and terms and conditions of the incentive are available from the sales executive.

Landscaped

The three-bedroom Kingsford semi-detached house is priced from £123,67, while the spacious four-bedroom semi-detached Malvern house can be reserved from just £140,246. Both based on 85 per cent of the full asking price using easystart

Cedar Drive is a thoughtfully designed new community less than a mile to the east of Oldbury town centre, in a sought-after and well-established residential location with excellent transport links to Birmingham and beyond. The new homes at Cedar Drive are within landscaped grounds on the site of the former Sampson Works in Rood End Road.

House-hunters can visit the Cedar Drive showhomes and Sales and Marketing Suite, located off Rood End Road, Oldbury, between 10am and 5pm Thursday to Monday.

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£167,500

OLDBURY
ELM CROFT
Double-front traditional style semi detached residence in need of some modernisation located within a popular residential road off Oak Road in Oldbury. Accommodation comprises central reception hall, dining room, dual-aspect lounge, breakfast kitchen, three double bedrooms, master bedroom having walk-through dressing area, modern re-fitted first floor bathroom, rear garden, driveway, gas central heating and double glazing. No upward chain.
£162,950

QUINTON
RIDGACRE ROAD
Delightfully presented semi-detached family residence located on a popular road comprising reception hall, downstairs guest WC, two reception rooms, kitchen, conservatory, three bedrooms, first floor family bathroom/WC, driveway to front with parking for two vehicles and private rear garden. The property also benefits from having gas central heating, double glazing (where specified) and alarm. Viewing is highly recommended. No Upward Chain.
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QUINTON
OVERDALE ROAD
Extended well presented semi-detached family residence located on popular residential road in Quinton comprising enclosed porch, entrance hall, lounge, dining area, L-shaped fitted kitchen, downstairs, bathroom/wc, four bedrooms, study room, front and rear gardens, off road parking/driveway to front, double glazing, gas central heating and alarm. Viewing is highly recommended.
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QUINTON
BRISTNALL HALL ROAD
Extended well presented semi-detached residence located on popular residential road in Oldbury comprising: enclosed porch, reception hall, through lounge/dining room, extended fitted kitchen, covered side entrance, two bedrooms, additional box room/study, modern first floor bathroom/WC, front and rear gardens, double glazing and gas central heating. The property also benefits from having rear access via the George Road. No Upward Chain.
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EDGBASTON
SELSEY ROAD
Well presented end of terraced house that has recently been refurbished situated in Edgbaston comprising reception hall, two reception rooms, modern re fitted kitchen, two double bedrooms, first floor bathroom/wc, front and rear gardens, double glazing and gas central heating. Viewing is recommended and offering No Upward Chain.
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TIPTON
TIVIDALE STREET
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QUINTON
DUFTON ROAD
Traditional style mid terraced residence comprising: Entrance hall, lounge, breakfast kitchen, two bedrooms, first floor bathroom/wc, rear garden, driveway to the front providing off road parking, gas central heating and double glazing (where specified).
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OLDBURY
BLEAKHOUSE ROAD
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£700 PCM

OLDBURY
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Well presented modern extended semi detached residence located close to the Wolverhampton Road in Oldbury comprising enclosed porch, reception hall, downstairs guest wc, fitted kitchen, dining room, spacious lounge, three bedrooms (master with en-suite shower room/wc), first floor re fitted bathroom/wc with shower, front and side garden, off road parking, rear garden, gas central heating and double glazing.
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OLDBURY
ASHES ROAD
Well presented and much improved unfurnished end terraced residence comprising two reception rooms, extended fitted breakfast kitchen with appliances, three bedrooms, first floor family bathroom/wc with separate walk-in shower, rear garden, off road parking. The property also benefits from having gas central heating and double glazing.
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OLDBURY
ASHWOOD CLOSE
Delightfully presented modern unfurnished second floor apartment located in the exclusive 'The Wharf' development built by Bellway Homes comprising reception hall with built-in storage, lounge, modern fitted kitchen with appliances, two double bedrooms, modern bathroom/wc with shower, storage heating, double glazing, intercom and allocated parking space. Viewing is highly recommended.
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QUINTON
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Well presented semi-detached residence on a popular residential road and comprising reception hall, attractive through lounge with feature contemporary living flame fire, modern style fitted kitchen with appliances, covered side entrance, rear veranda, utility area, two double bedrooms, master with feature walk in shower, additional modern style first floor bathroom with shower, rear garden with raised patio, driveway to front, gas central heating and double glazing. Viewing is highly recommended
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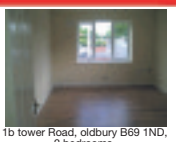
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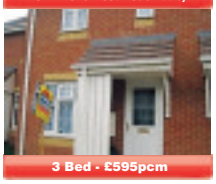
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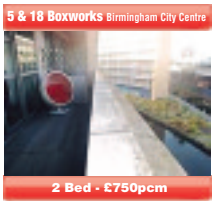
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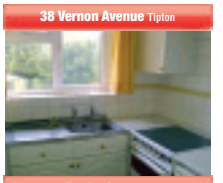
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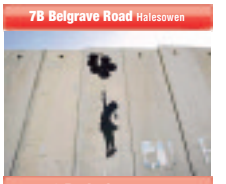
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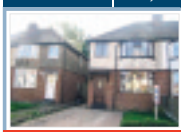
Oldbury £132,952



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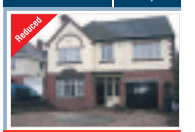


Oakham Road

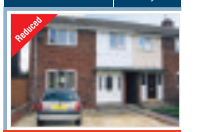
Connells are pleased to present this well maintained four bedroomed detached property consisting of lounge, kitchen, dining room, master ensuite, bathroom, off road parking, garage and rear garden. Double glazing and gas central heating where specified. Internal Inspection Highly Recommended.

Oldbury £99,950

Salop Street

Connells are marketing this well presented two bed semi detached property with lounge, dining area, kitchen, conservatory, bathroom, off road parking and rear garden. Double glazing and gas central heating where specified.

Tividale £180,000



Trafalgar Road

Connells are pleased to present this three bed detached property comprising of lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room, downstairs cloakroom, conservatory, master ensuite, bathroom, off road parking, garage and rear garden. Double glazing and gas central heating where specified.

Oldbury £125,000

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Connells are marketing this very spacious four bedroomed mid terraced property having hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen/diner, downstairs cloakroom, rear garden, four bedrooms, upstairs bathroom, off road parking, gas central heating and double glazing.

Langley £120,000

Poplar Avenue

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Smethwick £152,995

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Smethwick £140,000

Marion Road

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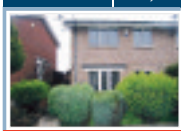

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Tividale £189,950

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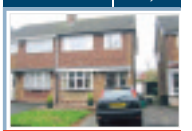

Thornwood Close

Connells are marketing this well presented three bed semi detached property consisting of entrance porch, entrance hall, lounge, dining area, kitchen, bathroom, front and rear gardens and garage. Double glazing and gas central heating where specified. VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Rowley Regis £118,750

Buckingham Road

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Rowley Regis £209,950

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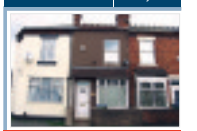
Oldbury £85,000



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An extended mid town house offering four bedrooms in total with the ground floor accommodation being suitable for disabled access. Partial central heating & double glazing. NO UPWARD CHAIN

£89,950

NEW

Darlaston Mill Street

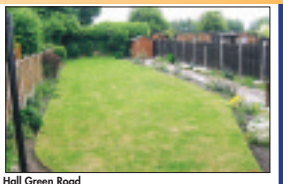
A nicely presented three bedroom traditional terraced house close to the amenities of Daralston and available with NO UPWARD CHAIN

£86,950

Wednesbury Wharfedale Street

An exceptional four bedroom detached property, presented to a high standard throughout and offering spacious accommodation close to the town centre.

£220,000



West Bromwich Hall Green Road

A larger than average three bedroom semi detached house available with no upward chain.

Convenient location, super rear garden, extended kitchen - Great family home.

£152000

Wednesbury Goldby Drive

Offering flexible accommodation this three bedroom, three bathroom property is in excellent order throughout. Having ground floor bedroom and bathroom ideal for teenager/relative, beautifully fitted kitchen with full range of appliances, garage and off road parking.

£139,950

West Bromwich
Gladstone Street

Modern two bedroom first floor apartment in the Hill Top area. Ideal as first time purchase or for investment - No upward chain

£69,950

West Bromwich Black Lake

Refurbished town house with three good size bedrooms, refitted kitchen and bathroom, central heating & double glazing. NO UPWARD CHAIN

£104,950

Wednesbury
Franchise Street

A larger-style three bedroom Victorian end terraced property with two reception rooms, 16'0 kitchen, enclosed rear garden and no upward chain

£109,950

West Bromwich
Griffiths Road

Three bedroom semi detached property in a popular road between Wednesbury & Stone Cross. Double glazed and centrally heated and with scope for further improvement

£92,500

West Bromwich
Sandfield Road

Exceptional three bedroom semi detached home situated in a popular location offering good size accommodation. An internal viewing is strongly recommended.

£137,000

Wednesbury
Kendrick Street

Three bedroom detached property in a much sought after area. Offering excellent accommodation comprising: Lounge, separate Dining room, kitchen with appliances, utility with wc off. En suite To master bedroom, garage with ample parking and good size rear garden.

£215,000

Wednesbury
Allen Road

A large 4 bedroom detached family home with two reception rooms, two bathrooms, study, utility, superb refitted kitchen, conservatory, garden and off road parking

£249,950

West Bromwich
St Pauls Crescent

Situated in a small cul de sac in the Hill Top area of West Bromwich, this three bedroom semi is offered for sale with no upward chain. The property has double glazing, a new central heating system and off road parking - an ideal first time or investment buy

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Brickhouse Lane, West Bromwich — NEW

Extended Semi Detached having gas central heating and offering no upward chain. Reception hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, fore / rear gardens
OFFERS AROUND: £64,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Gough Drive, Tipton — NEW

Modern Purpose Built Ground Floor Apartment having upvc double glazing, electric heating and security entrance doors. Offering no upward chain and briefly comprising, reception hall, open plan lounge / kitchen, 2 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom & allocated parking.
OFFERS AROUND: £72,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Park Lane East, Tipton — NEW

Middle Terrace having upvc double glazing, gas central heating and re-furbished / improved accommodation. Lounge, sitting room, fitted kitchen with built in oven/hob, downstairs bathroom, 3 bedrooms, upstairs shower room & rear yard.
OFFERS AROUND: £94,995
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

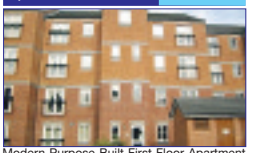
Tividale Street, Tipton — NEW

Modern Middle Terrace having gas central heating and briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, driveway to front and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £99,995
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Leveson Drive, Tipton — NEW

Modern End Terrace having upvc double glazing, gas central heating & superbly presented accommodation. Reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms (fitted wardrobes), bathroom with shower, block paved driveway to front, additional 2 car parking area & attractive rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £104,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Anchor Drive, Tipton — REDUCED



Modern Purpose Built First Floor Apartment having upvc double glazing and offering no upward chain. Reception hall, lounge, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom and allocated parking.
OFFERS AROUND: £64,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Kiers Bridge Close, Tipton — NEW

Modern Middle Terrace having double glazing and gas central heating. Situated in a cul de sac location with canal views, whilst the accommodation briefly comprises, reception hall, lounge, large fitted breakfast kitchen, conservatory, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, driveway to front & attractive rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £109,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

High Street, Tipton — NEW

Modern Detached Bungalow having gas central heating, upvc double glazing to most windows and offering no upward chain. The property which requires improvement / attention briefly comprises, porch, reception hall, lounge, kitchen, inner hallway, 2 bedrooms, bathroom & fore / rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £114,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Hempole Lane, Queensgate, Tipton — NEW

Modern Semi Detached having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Offering no upward chain whilst briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, en suite bathroom, family bathroom, driveway, garage & rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £139,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Station Street, Tipton — NEW

Traditional Detached Bungalow situated on a good size plot. Having upvc double glazing, gas central heating & briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, breakfast kitchen, 3 bedrooms, shower room, driveway & side gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £149,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Lee Street, Hill Top, West Bromwich

Modern Design Semi Detached having upvc double glazing, gas central heating and loft room. Well presented family accommodation briefly comprises, porch, reception hall, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, loft room / possible bedroom 4, side driveway, side garage, fore / rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £134,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Powis Avenue, Tipton — REDUCED

Traditional Extended Semi Detached having upvc double glazing, gas central heating & extension to rear. Good size family accommodation briefly comprises, porch, reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, sitting room, breakfast area, extended kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, side driveway, side garage & rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £99,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Middle Meadow, Tipton — REDUCED

Well presented ground floor apartment priced to encourage a quick sale. * Receive a free home entertainment system - 42" 3D Television - Blu-Ray Player* (Ltd period only - received after completion). Fully Furnished - Gas Central Heating - upvc Double Glazing - Security Entrance Doors - Reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, allocated parking.
OFFERS AROUND: £69,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Sycamore Road, Tipton

Semi Detached having upvc double glazing and central heating. In need of improvements, whilst briefly comprising, porch, reception hall, lounge, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, fore / rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £57,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Seagull Bay Drive, Coseley

Modern Executive Style Detached having upvc double glazing, gas central heating & cul de sac location. Superbly presented family accommodation briefly comprises, porch, reception hall, lounge, dining room, conservatory, fitted kitchen, utility room, guest cloakroom, 4 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, large driveway, garage & rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £229,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Puppy Green, Standeridge Park, Tipton

Modern Detached having newly fitted UPVC double glazing & gas central heating. Situated on a sought after development and briefly comprising, reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge / dining room, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, driveway garage, fore & rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £159,995
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Dudley Port, Tipton

Traditional Detached having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Improved accommodation briefly comprises, vestibule, reception hall, lounge, sitting room, sun-lounge, fitted kitchen, guest cloakroom, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, enclosed driveway, fore / rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £149,995
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

The Square, Queensgate, Tipton

Modern Detached having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Internal viewing strongly recommended whilst briefly comprises, reception hall, lounge / dining room, fitted kitchen with built in oven/hob, 3 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, garage & rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £149,995
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Lily Street, West Bromwich — NEW

Ideal Investment oportunity for let. No Upward Chain. The property comprises a first floor studio apartment which has recently been re decorated throughout. Accommodation Comprises- Open Plan Bedroom/ Lounge, Shower Room/ WC, Kitchen and Communal Gardens and Parking Area.
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Kelverley Grove, West Bromwich — NEW

An Impressive Extended Semi Detached House situated within a quiet cul de sac location. Benefitting from Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accommodation Comprises- Entrance Hall, Through Lounge/ Dining Room, Extended 'L' Shaped Kitchen/ Diner, 3 bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom and Seperate WC, Gardens to Front & Rear and Shared Driveway Leeding to Garage.
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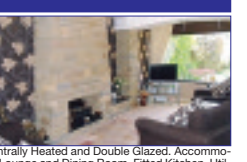
Bustleholme Lane, West Bromwich



An Extended Traditional Semi Detached House. Centrally Heated and Double Glazed. Accommodation comprises- Porch, Entrance Hall, Open Plan Lounge and Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Utility, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Large Rear Garden, Front Garden and Shared Driveway to Large Garage.
Viewing 0121 525 2111 OFFERS AROUND: £179,950

Ruskin Street, West Bromwich West Bromwich

A Well Presented Semi Detached House within quiet Cul De Sac. Benefitting from Central Heating, Double Glazing and No Upward Chain. Accommodation Comprises- Entrance Hall, Through Lounge, Refitted Kitchen/ Diner, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom/ WC and Large Gardens to Front & Rear.
OFFERS AROUND: £114,950
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Poplar Grove, West Bromwich West Bromwich

Property Address: 8 Poplar Grove, West Bromwich, B70 6LE We advise that an offer has been made for the above property in the sum of £84,000. Any persons wishing to increase on this offer should notify the agents of their best offer prior to exchange of contracts. Agents Address Paul Dubberley & Co, Victoria House, High Street, West Bromwich, West Midlands, B70 9EN Agents Telephone Number: 0121 525 2111
OFFERS AROUND: £74,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Hambletts Road, West Bromwich West Bromwich

Notice of Offer - 75 Hambletts Road, West Bromwich, West Midland, B706NY. We Advise that an offer has been made for the above property in the sum of £77,000. Any persons wishing to increase on this offer should notify the agents of their best offer within the next 7 days. Paul Dubberley & Co, Estate Agents 290,292 High Street, West Bromwich, West Midlands, B70 9EN, 0121 525 2111.
OFFERS AROUND: £89,995
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Kniths Way, West Bromwich West Bromwich

We hereby give notice that an offer of £142,500 has been received for the above property. In the event of there being no better offer received at this office within seven days of the publication of this notice, the property accordingly will be sold at the price of £142,500.
OFFERS AROUND: £129,950
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St Christopher Close, West Bromwich West Bromwich

An Extended Detached Corner Plot Bungilow situated in a quiet cul de sac within the popular Sandwell Valley Area. Benefitting from Central Heating, Double Glazing and No Upward Chain. Accomodation Comprises- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Extended Kitchen/ Diner, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Gardens to Front & Rear and Driveway Off Road Parking Leading to Garage.
OFFERS AROUND: £149,950
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Edwin Phillips Drive, West Bromwich West Bromwich

An Attractive Modern End Town House. Situated within a quiet cul de sac this property benefits from Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accomodation Comprises- Entrance Hall with Guest Cloaks/ WC, Lounge, Kitchen/ Diner, Master Bedroom with En Suit Shower Room/ WC, 2 Further Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Gardens to Front & Rear and Driveway Off Road Parking.
OFFERS AROUND: £119,950
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Turners Croft, West Bromwich West Bromwich

A Superbly Priced, Modern Mid Town House situated within a quiet Cul De Sac. Located in the sought after Penny Hill Lane area, this property has been refurbished and modernised by the current vendor. No Upward Chain. Accomodation Comprises, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/ Diner, 2 Bedrooms, Shower Room/ WC, Driveway Off Road Parking and Rear Garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £99,950
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Charlemont Road, West Bromwich West Bromwich

A Delightful Detached House pleasantly situated in this much sought after residential area. Upgraded throughout to high standard. Benefitting from double glazing, central heating and intruder alarm. Offering surprisingly spacious accomodation comprising- Storm Porch, Hall with Quarde Cloaks/WC, 23ft Lounge, Dining Room, Conservatory, 18ft Refitted Kitchen, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom, Separate WC, Large Rear Garde, 2 Car tandem Garage and Driveway Affording Off Road Parking for Several Cars.
OFFERS AROUND: £264,950
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Emily Street, West Bromwich West Bromwich

A Splendid Mid Terraced House with an Excellent Town Centre Location. Benefitting From Central Heating and No Upward Chain. Accomodation Comprises, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Ground Floor Bathroom, 2 Good Size Bedrooms and Long Rear Garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £94,950
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Willett Road, West Bromwich West Bromwich

A Good Size Extended Semi Detached House with excellent location for local schools and amenities. Benefitting from Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accomodation Comprises- Porch, Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Extended Kitchen, Lobby with WC, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gardens to Front & Rear, Driveway Off Road Parking, Garage.
OFFERS AROUND: £139,950
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Walsall Road, West Bromwich West Bromwich

An Extended Mid Terraced House. Benefitting from Central Heating, Double Glazing and No Upward Chain. Accomodation Comprises, Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Gardens to Front & Rear.
OFFERS AROUND: £109,950
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Pennyhill Lane, West Bromwich West Bromwich — REDUCED

A Fully Modernised, Extended Traditional Semi Detached House situated on the highly Popular Pennyhill Lane. No Upward Chain. Accomodation Comprises- Porch, Hall, Extended Lounge, Dining Room, Extended Kitchen, Ground Floor Shower Room/ WC, Master Bedroom with Ensuite Shower Room/ WC, 3 Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom/ WC, Gardens to Front & Rear, Block Paved Driveway leading to Garage.
OFFERS AROUND: £224,950
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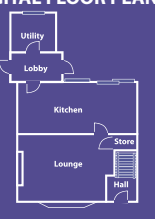

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Station Street, Darlaston — NEW

- A 2 Bedroom Mid Terrace
- Ideally Located for Walsall & Darlaston Town Centre's
- No Upward Chain
- Ideal Investment Opportunity

OFFERS AROUND: **£64,995**
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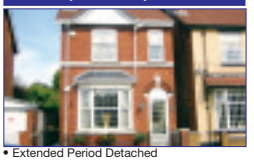
Hydes Road, Wednesbury, Wednesbury

- Extended Period Detached
- 4 Bedrooms with En-Suite to Master
- Lounge & Dining Room
- 26ft Fitted Breakfast Kitchen

OFFERS AROUND: **£225,000**
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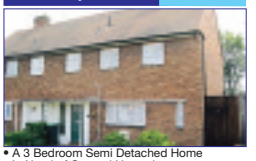
Chestnut Road, Wednesbury — NEW

- A 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- In Need of General Upgrade
- No Upward Chain
- Popular Location

OFFERS AROUND: **£119,995**
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Corporation St, Wednesbury — NEW

- An Amazing 2 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as specified)
- Excellent Combination of Modern Day Living with Traditional Settings
- No Upward Chain

OFFERS AROUND: **£122,500**
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Manifold Way, Wednesbury

- A Quirky & Characterful 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Occupying a Corner Plot
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Reception Hall & Guest WC

OFFERS AROUND: **£139,995**
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Church Hill, Wednesbury — NEW

- 2 Bedroom 1st Floor Freehold Apartment
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- No Upward Chain

OFFERS AROUND: **£84,995**
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Margaret Road, Darlaston — NEW

- 2 Bedroom Semi Detached
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- No Upward Chain

OFFERS AROUND: **£76,000**
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Kent Road, Wednesbury — NEW

- An Extended 3 Bedroom Semi Detached
- Double Glazed (as specified)
- No Upward Chain
- Through Lounge/Diner

OFFERS AROUND: **£84,995**
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Cinder Way, Wednesbury

- A Recently Refurbished 2 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- No Upward Chain
- Centrally Heated and Double Glazed (where specified)
- Reception Hall

Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£94,995**

Park Lane, Wednesbury

- Much Improved Mid Terrace
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining Room

OFFERS AROUND: **£109,995**
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Arundel Avenue, Wednesbury — NEW

- A ★★FREEHOLD★★ Modern 2 Bedroom Ground Floor Apartment
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing (as specified)
- Very Quiet & Popular Area

OFFERS AROUND: **£92,500**
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Brunswick Park Road, Wednesbury

- An Extended 3 Bedroom Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (where specified)
- Reception Hall
- Lounge

OFFERS AROUND: **£165,000**
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Resevoir Passage, Wednesbury

- Extended 3 Bedroom Detached
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Ever Popular Area
- Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND: **£179,995**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

All Saints Road, Darlaston

- 3 Bedroom Mid Terrace
- Gas Central Heating (as specified)
- No Upward Chain
- Lounge with cast Iron Fireplace

OFFERS AROUND: **£89,995**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Kennedy Crescent, Darlaston — REDUCED

- Well Presented 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Ideally Located for Bilston & Darlaston Towns
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as specified)
- Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND: **£114,995**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Forge Road, Wednesbury — REDUCED

- Presenting an Extended 2 Bedroom Semi Detached
- Gas Central Heating
- Ideally Located for Access to Darlaston Town Centre
- Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND: **£79,995**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Scott Avenue, Wednesbury

- An Extended 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Quiet & Popular Cul-de-Sac Location
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as specified)
- Garages to the Rear (1 has an Inspection Pit)

OFFERS AROUND: **£140,000**
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Elwell Street, Wednesbury

- A Double Fronted 3 Bedroom Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as specified)
- Reception Hall & Guest WC
- Lounge

OFFERS OFFERS: **£159,995**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Friar Park Road, Wednesbury

- A 2 Bedroom End Terrace Home
- No Upward Chain
- Double Glazing (as specified)
- Storm Porch

OFFERS AROUND: **£59,950**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Bagnall Street, Tipton — REDUCED

- A Traditional 3 Bedroom Semui Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing (where specified)
- Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND: **£129,995**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Hamstead Terrace, Wednesbury

- An Alarmed 2 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Placed within a Cul-de-Sac Location
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (where specified)
- Reception Hall & Downstairs W/C

OFFERS AROUND: **£99,995**
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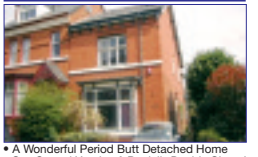
Hollies Drive, Wednesbury

- A Wonderful Period Butt Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Partially Double Glazed
- Retaining Many Original Features
- Vestibule Entrance

OFFERS AROUND: **£239,995**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Meryhurst Road, Wednesbury — REDUCED

- A Well Presented 2 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVc Double Glazing (as specified)
- Reception Hall & Storm Porch

OFFERS AROUND: **£104,995**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Riverway, Wednesbury

- Extended 4 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- No Upward Chain
- Corner Plot Overlooking Greenery

OFFERS AROUND: **£169,995**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

School Road, Wednesbury

- 3 Bedroom Semi Detached
- Gas Central Heating (as specified)
- Double Glazing (as specified)
- Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND: **£69,950**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Rutland Road, Woods Estate, Wednesbury

- A 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Centrally Heated & Double Glazed (as specified)
- Price to Sell & No Upward Chain
- Reception Hall & Storm Porch

OFFERS AROUND: **£89,995**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Hales Road, Wednesbury — REDUCED

- Well Presented 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double GLazing (as specified)
- Storm Porch & Reception Hall
- Fitted Breakfast Kitchen

OFFERS AROUND: **£124,995**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

The Furlong, Wednesbury — REDUCED

- A Suprisingly Spacious 4 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- UPVc Double Glazing
- Quite Cul-de-Sac with No Upward Chain
- Reception Hall & Guest WC

OFFERS AROUND: **£124,995**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Church Hill, Wednesbury

- A Spacious 3 Bedroom Semi Detached
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- No Upward Chain
- Recently Refurbished

OFFERS AROUND: **£149,995**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Longcroft Avenue, Wednesbury

- A Truely Outstanding Period 3 Bedroom Butt Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (where specified)
- Corner Plot & Popular Location
- Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND: **£219,995**
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Bassett Road, Wednesbury

- A Nicely Presented 3 Bedroom Mid Town House
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as specified)
- Reception Hall
- Lounge with Feature Fireplace

Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£74,995**

Garrington Street, Darlaston

- An Extended 5 Bedroom Semi Detached
- UPVc Double Glazing (as specified)
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Requirign General Upgrade & No Upward Chain

OFFERS AROUND: **£99,950**
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Laburnum Road, Wednesbury

- 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Requiring General Improvement
- Reception Hall
- Lounge

OFFERS AROUND: **£105,000**
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Woden Road East, Wednesbury

- 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Extended & Well Presented
- Entrance Porch & Hall
- 20ft Lounge & Dining Room

OFFERS AROUND: **£134,995**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Cobden Street, Darlaston, Darlaston

- A Suprisingly Spacious 2 Bedroom Mid Terrace
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing (as specified)
- Dining Room with 'Ornate' Cast Iron Fireplace

OFFERS AROUND **£89,995**
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St Peter Croft, Wednesbury

- A Sizeable 4 Bedroom Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Doubl Glazing
- Quiet Cul-de-Sac Location
- Reception Hall & Guest WC

OFFERS AROUND: **£249,995**
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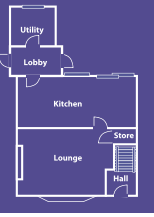

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£425

TIVIDALE
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3 bedroom semi dtached property, spacious lounge, ch & dg. First floor bathroom. off road parking. garden. unfurnished
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TIPTON
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OAK LANE

2 bedroom mid-terrace property, 2 reception rooms, ch and dg, ground floor bathroom, available unfurnished.
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WEST BROMWICH
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TIPTON
ANITA AVENUE

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£350

TIPTON
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£550

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WEST BROMWICH
HAMBLETTS ROAD

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WEST BROMWICH
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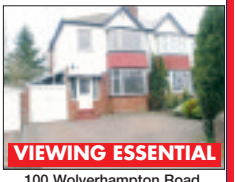
SMETHWICK

Bleak Street

A well proportioned, spacious, 3 bedroomed intermediate home conveniently situated for local shopping facilities and amenities, requiring internal inspection, having gas radiator heating and briefly comprising :- Entrance vestibule, spacious lounge, dining kitchen, 3 bedrooms, shower room, and rear garden. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345

Offers around £99,950

OLDBURY



100 Wolverhampton Road

Most attractive, spacious, well presented and thoughtfully improved three bedroomed traditional style semi detached property set within this popular convenient neighbourhood, having double glazing, gas radiator heating and briefly comprising: Entrance hall, delightful lounge, separate dining room, attractive fitted kitchen (with oven/hob), utility, (having downstairs wc off), three bedrooms, bathroom, drive providing off road parking, garage and pleasant good sized rear garden. MUST BE VIEWED. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345

Offers Around: £197,950

SMETHWICK

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A delightfully presented, thoughtfully improved and deceptively spacious 2 bedroomed semi detached property pleasantly situated within this popular established neighbourhood and requiring internal inspection to be fully appreciated. Having gas radiator heating, double glazing and briefly comprising:- Entrance hall, delightful spacious through lounge with dining area, attractive conservatory, kitchen, 2 good sized bedrooms, bathroom, off road parking and rear garden. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345

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OLDBURY

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Offers around £144,950

SMETHWICK

Greenfield Road

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BIRMINGHAM

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- Ample Parking
- No Chain

Offers in the Region of £164,950

St Augustines Court, Edgabaston

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- Stunning Open Plan Living Area
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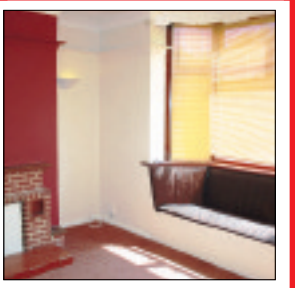


Gillott Road, Edgbaston

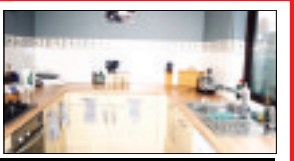
- A Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Close to Edgbaston Reservoir
- Two Reception Rooms
- Generous, Secluded Rear Garden
- Ample Off Road Parking
- No Chain

Offers in the region of £194,000

Mill Lane, Bartley Green

- A Two Bed Semi-detached
- Ideal Investment Opportunity
- In Need of General Modernisation
- Sizeable Utility Area
- Good Size Rear Garden
- No Upward Chain

Offers in the region of £74,950



Bearwood Road, Smethwick

- Well Presented Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Spacious Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Newly Fitted Bathroom
- Ideal FTB Accommodation

Offers in the region of £113,000

West Park Road, Smethwick

- Four Bedroom Semi
- Excellent views of Park
- Full of Character Features
- Generously Sized Accommodation
- In Need of General Modernisation
- No Upward Chain

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Londonderry Lane, Smethwick

- Star Buy
- An Exceptional Terrace Property
- Three Bedrooms Plus Loft Room
- Delightful Breakfast Kitchen
- Two Reception Rooms
- No Upward Chain

Offers in the region of £99,950

Thimblemill Road, Bearwood

- A Traditional Terrace Property
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Close to Local Amenities
- No Upward Chain
- A Great Investment / First Time Purchase

Offers in the region of £102,500

Galton Road, Bearwood

- Larger Style Terrace Property
- Superb Dining Kitchen
- Three Reception Rooms
- Three Good Size Bedrooms
- Well Maintained Garden
- Offered on a No Chain Basis

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Kendal Rise, Oldbury

- A Well Presented Semi
- Within a Quiet Cul-de-Sac Location
- Three Bedroms Plus Loft Space
- Large Conservatory
- Seperate Garage
- Well Maintained Rear Garden

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Valley Road, Smethwick

- Beautiful Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Potential for 3 Receptions
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Well Maintained Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking

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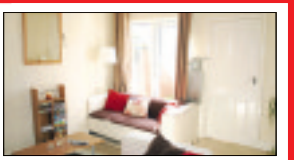

Poplar Road, Bearwood

- Three Storey Traditional Terrace
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Separate Garage
- No Chain
- Well Presented; Viewing is a Must

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- Three Bedrooms
- D/G & C/H
- Off Road Parking

£115,000

SANDFIELD ROAD, B71 3NH
- A Semi Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking
- Freehold

£129,000

DAGGER LANE, B71 4BT
- Detached Dormer Bungalow
- Four Bedrooms
- C/H & D/G
- Off Road Parking

£290,000

SHERIDAN STREET, B71 4EF
- A Mid Terrace Property
- Two/Three Bedroomed
- Two Reception Rooms
- Downstairs Shower Room

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WYNDMILL CRESCENT, B71 3QY
- A First Floor Maisonette
- One Bedroom
- Communal Parking
- D/G and C/H where specified

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FARLEY ROAD, B70 9AN — NEW BUILD
- A Semi Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Master With En Suite & Dressing Room
- Off Road Parking

£169,000

FARLEY ROAD B70 9AN — NEW BUILD
- A Semi Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Garage
- C/H & D/G

£159,000

PIERCY STREET, B70 9PH
- An End Terraced Property
- Two Bedrooms
- C/H & D/G
- Freehold

£124,950

CRANKHALL LANE, WS10 0EQ
- A Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking
- Conservatory, Freehold

£115,000

FARLEY ROAD, B70 9AN — NEW BUILD
- A Semi Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Garage
- C/H & D/G

£159,000

MARSH LANE, B72 3DP
- A Semi Dettached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- C/H & Part D/G
- No Upward Chain

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AUSTEN WALK, B71 1RD
- A Terraced Property
- C/H & D/G
- Two Bedrooms
- Vacant Possession

£104,950

LYNDHURST ROAD, B71 3JF
- A Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- C/H & D/G, Freehold

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- A First Floor Maisonette
- Two Bedroom
- No Pets, No Smokers
- Credit/Reference Required

£480 PCM £480 DEPOSIT

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- Ground Floor Apartment
- Fully Fitted Kitchen
- Private Garden
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- DHSS CONSIDERED

£375 pcm

TIPTON HOLCROFT ROAD
- Mid Terraced House
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Downstairs Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- DHSS Accepted

£395 PCM

WEDNESBURY LOWER HIGH STREET
- Two Bedroom First Floor Flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Allocated Parking
- DHSS Accepted

£410 PCM

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- Two bedroom terrace
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Newly fitted kitchen
- Newly fitted bathroom
- Converted third floor into two playrooms
- Double glazing
- Sorry No DHSS

£425 PCM

DARLASTON THE AVENUE
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Modern Bathroom
- En Suite To Master
- Bedroom
- Off Road Parking
- Fitted Kitchen
- SORRY NO DHSS

£450 PCM

DARLASTON ADDENBROOKE STREET — NEW
- 3 Bedrooms
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Guest W/C
- Fitted Kitchen
- Recently Refurbished

£450 pcm

DUDLEY PORT TUDOR COURT — NEW
- 2 Bedrooms
- Second Floor Apartment
- Fully Fitted Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Allocated Parking
- DHSS Considered

£450 pcm

WEDNESBURY THE FURLONG
- Two bedroom ground floor apartment
- Communal entrance
- Entrance hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Garage and allocated parking
- Sorry NO DHSS

£475 PCM

DARLASTON WESSON ROAD — NEW
- 3 Bedrooms
- 1 Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Downstairs W/C
- Large Garden
- Sorry No DHSS

£495 pcm

WALSALL BRACKENDALE DRIVE — NEW
- Two Bedroom Semi
- Lounge
- Kitchen refurbished
- Rear Garden
- Central Heating/Double Glazing
- Sorry No DHSS

£550 PCM

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- Fitted Kitchen
- Detached Garage
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating

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- Gas Central Heating

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NO CHAIN

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- Potential Second Bedroom
- Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Communal Gardens
- NO CHAIN

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NEW

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ELIZABETH WALK
- 1 Bedroom
- Ground Floor Flat
- Fully Refurbished
- recently rewired
- Double Glazing

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DARLASTON
DANGERFIELD LANE
- 2 Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Driveway

£71,000

DARLASTON
ADDENBROOKE STREET
- Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Utility
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens

£79,950

WEDNESBURY
STANLEY ROAD
- Semi Detached House
- Two Bedrooms
- Dining Kitchen
- Gas Central Heating
- Majority Double Glazing
- Off Road Parking

£79,950

NO CHAIN

WEST BROMWICH
ANSON ROAD
- Three Bedroom End-Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Utility Room
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Garden
- Detached Garage

£84,950

NO CHAIN

WEDNESBURY
QUEEN STREET
- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Newly Fitted Kitchen
- Ground Floor Family Bathroom
- Three Bedrooms
- Rear Garden

£99,950

NO CHAIN

WEDNESBURY
BEEBEE ROAD
- Semi Detached
- 3 Bedrooms
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- NO CHAIN

£99,950

REDUCED

WEST BROMWICH
CROCKFORD ROAD
- Two Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garage
- NO CHAIN

£102,000

REDUCED

WEST BROMWICH
SYDNEY CLOSE
- Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Detached Garage

£107,000

HALL STREET EAST
- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Driveway

£109,950

NEW

WEDNESBURY
MANOR ROAD
- 3 Bedrooms
- End Terraced
- Conservatory
- Large Garden
- Off Road Parking
- Brick Built Workshop

£109,950

NO CHAIN

WEDNESBURY
LILAC GROVE
- Semi Detached House
- Two Bedrooms
- Fully Fitted Kitchen
- Downstairs WC
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Off Road Parking

£111,000

WEST BROMWICH
MELROSE AVENUE
- 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Refurbished
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Off Road Parking

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NO CHAIN

WEST BROMWICH
EDWIN PHILLIPS DRIVE
- Two Bedrooms
- One Reception Room
- Downstairs W/C
- Fully Fitted Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Off Road Parking

£117,500

WEST BROMWICH
SIDDONS WAY
- Two Bedroom Mid-Terrace
- Kitchen
- Lounge
- Conservatory
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Off Road Parking

£117,950

NEW

WEDNESBURY
THE FURLONG
- 3 Bedrooms
- End Terranced
- 2 Bathrooms
- Garage
- Electric Security Gates
- Downstairs W/C

£117,950

DUDLEY
SLEDMORE ROAD
- Semi Detached
- 3 Bedrooms
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Well Maintained
- Loft Room
- Double Glazing &
- Gas Cebtral Heating

£119,950

REDUCED

TIPTON
BILSTON ROAD
- Three Bed Semi-Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Veranda
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garage

£119,950

REDUCED

WEDNESBURY
MANOR HOUSE ROAD
- 3 Bed Semi-Detached
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Driveway

£120,500

TIPTON
GOSPEL OAK ROAD
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- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
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- Kitchen
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Offers in the region of £99,950

An end town house requiring some improvement uPVC entrance door, reception hall understairs storage area, lounge and dining room, kitchen. Staircase from reception hall to fist floor landing lead three bedrooms, bathroom shower over bath and seperate W.C., gas central heating, double glazing, front and rear gardens

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Viewing: Via Oldbury Office

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WINCHESTER CLOSE, ROWLEY REGIS

Situated on a popular residential development close to Whiteheath Gate this well presented first floor flat offers good accommodation to suit a first time buyer. The property briefly comprises vestibule, reception hall, front lounge,fitted kitchen, bathroom with modern suite, two bedrooms (one with built in wardrobes), allocated parking.

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Situated in a popular and desirable residential locality, this well presented traditional semi-detached residence which has been extended to rear offers good accommodation with the benefit of double glazing and gas central heating. Internal inspection is highly recommended and briefly comprises reception hall, front living room, rear extended dining room, extended kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, side garage with utility and toilet, rear garden overlooking allotments, freehold.

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HOLLAND AVENUE, OLDBURY

Full internal inspection recommended for this exceptionally traditional style semi detached residence in a well established residential neighbourhood close to Bristnall Hall Road, with gas fired central heating and double glazing, entrance hall, fitted kitchen with toilet off and larder, guest shower room, through lounge, three bedrooms, well appointed bathroom, off street parking to front, garden to rear, Freehold.

NEW PRICE: £125,000

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FAIRWAY AVENUE, TIVIDALE

Forming an ideal first purchase this excellently presented semi detached residence offers gas fired CH and DG. Full internal inspection is highly recommended: Reception hall, two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, side verandah leading to side passageway to toilet and utility, three good sized bedrooms, bathroom, off street parking to front, good sized garden and garage to rear, freehold.

NEW PRICE £99,950

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MARLBOROUGH ROAD, BEARWOOD

Located just off the main Bearwood Road in this popular and established residential neighbourhood, a traditional style freehold villa residence which is gas centrally heated and PVC double glazed virtually throughout with an open outlook over Hadley Sports Centre at the rear and to include two double bedrooms, one of which incorporates full length sliding mirrored wardrobes, bathroom with electric shower unit, vestibule with original mirrton tiled floor, hallway, through lounge/dining room, central hall, kitchen and neatly laid out garden to the rear, with comprehensive day to day amenities close at hand and with internal inspection to be appreciated.

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CASTLE ROAD WEST, OLDBURY

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MARSHALL ROAD, OLDBURY

A traditional style freehold semi detached property occupying an extremely popular location in this established residential neighbourhood, within easy reach of Warley Woods, the main Wolverhampton Road and Hagley Road, thus providing easy access to Birmingham city centre, offering gas centrally heated and double glazed accommodation to include three bedrooms, fully tiled bathroom, hall, spacious lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, downstairs cloakroom, spacious garden to the rear, detached garage and having the benefit of off street parking, being within easy reach of Bearwood town centre and comprehensive day to day amenities are close at hand.

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CLARENDON ROAD, SMETHWICK

Conveniently situated in this pleasant established neighbourhood, a traditional freehold terraced property offering gas centrally heated and double glazed accommodation to include two double bedrooms, fully tiled bathroom, two living rooms, good size kitchen and easily maintained gardens, having the benefit of comprehensive day-to-day amenities close at hand and being ideal for first time purchasers. £79,950 reduced

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17 HIGGINS WALK, SMETHWICK

An end town property located in this popular neighbourhood close to the main Smethwick High Street, offering well heated and PVC double glazed accommodation to include three bedrooms, shower room, hall, downstairs cloakroom, two reception rooms, kitchen and conservatory, having the benefit of comprehensive day-to-day amenities close at hand, providing easy access to Birmingham city centre and ideally situated for first time buyers.

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Enjoying a much favoured residential location in this pleasant neighbourhood adjacent to Lightwoods Park, a traditional style freehold villa residence incorporating a number of original features and offering gas centrally heated and PVC double glazed accommodation to include three bedrooms, two reception rooms, kitchen, bathroom and garden to the rear, having the benefit of comprehensive day-to-day amenities close at hand to include easy access to Birmingham city centre, being ideal for first time purchasers and with internal inspection to be appreciated. new instruction

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Offers based on: £165,000

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BOWLING GREEN DRIVE, SMETHWICK

Enjoying an extremely pleasant location in a recently established residential close, this modern detached freehold residence offers immaculate, gas centrally heated, double glazed and fully alarmed accommodation to include master bedroom with en-suite shower room, two additional bedrooms, family bathroom with individual shower compartment, hall, downstairs cloakroom, spacious lounge, impressive open plan kitchen/dining room, neatly laid out garden to the rear, having the benefit of off-street parking and garaging to the rear, within easy reach of Bearwood shopping centre and Warley woods, with the benefit of easy access to Birmingham city centre and surrounding areas, and with internal inspection to be appreciated.

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Model T Ford experience was such a thrill

By Iain Dooley

THERE'S nothing like stalling a car at a set of traffic lights and watching a queue of impatient drivers wait for your next move to bring you back down to earth with a bump.

Thankfully I didn't have to lift a finger – I had a man jump out and turn the starting handle for me. This was a driving lesson with a difference.

When a car has three pedals, including reverse in the centre and the brake on the right plus a hand throttle, it's best to take expert advice before mixing it with more modern metal.

And that's exactly what I did before taking to the roads of Dagenham in a Model T. In case you didn't know, Ford in the UK is 100 years old.

It's a happy coincidence that the firm has launched its all-new Focus "world car" this year, and its arrival is a good opportunity to take the wheel of what started it off all those years ago.

The Model T's inception and subsequent lengthy production run is a story in itself.

What's just as interesting is how cars have both changed out of all recognition yet in many ways have stayed the same since Ford's original world car broke cover.

To drive, the Model T appears to be simplicity itself. In reality, at least to a vintage car novice, things couldn't be more different.

The lack of convention – the pedals are a prime example – prompts you to concentrate doubly hard, while the car's hand throttle and long-throw handbrake-cum-gear selector demand a new level of dexterity.

Get it right, though, and the feeling of achievement is a special one. Get it wrong and you've most likely stalled the car or have found yourself travelling a bit too fast for that 20th-century speed hump. The car's brakes are, shall we say, modest by current standards.

After a brisk drive around the local area – including a trio of stalls – it was back into a BMW 5 Series. A simple push of a button turned over its super-efficient six-cylinder turbo diesel motor. Contrast that with a few, firm turns on a starting handle and the need to keep your thumb out of the way in case the handle kicked back.

Respect

The experience was both exciting and humbling. 20mph felt twice as fast thanks to the car's lack of roof and basic windscreen. It also generated a lot of respect for those early motorists. I was out on a sunny day, but imagine having to contend with wind, rain or worse on a regular basis. Even with the roof in place, the protection offered was minimal. No question, those early adopters were a hardy bunch.

It's true that we've never had it so good when it comes to the technology and refinement of modern cars. But when you examine something like a Model T, you realise that little has changed. There's still a wheel at each corner and one for the driver to hold, drive to the engine is via a shaft and the fundamental technology behind the Model T's engine is closer to that 5 Series than BMW would like to admit.

I'm not demanding my own personal jetpack but I do hope the next 100 years sees a bigger leap in car design.

Flying the flag – a Model T Ford on the road in Edinburgh during a vintage parade

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Kia's smallest car offers stronger performance with lower fuel consumption and CO2 emissions than its predecessor, more style with higher quality, more space and steps forward in safety and luxury.

The car goes on sale with new 1.0 and 1.25-litre Kappa-family petrol engines, which deliver fuel consumption improvements of up to 8.5mpg with CO2 reductions of as much as 15g/km.

The larger engine is available with Kia's Eco-Dynamics fuel-saving technology – an Intelligent Stop & Go (ISG) engine stop/start system, or, alternatively with an automatic transmission.

The three-cylinder 1.0-litre unit has a combined fuel economy of 67.3mpg. The 1.25-litre four-cylinder version of the Kappa engine is offered in three guises. In standard form it averages 60.1mpg. With a four-speed automatic transmission fuel consumption is 53.3mpg. Finally, there is the Eco-Dynamics version with fuel consumption at 65.7mpg.

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The Kia Picanto five-door has four trim grades, badged 1, 1 Air, 2 and 3. Standard features include body coloured bumpers, mirrors and door handles, electric front windows, Radio/CD player, trip computer and an immobiliser. A height-adjustable driver's seat and tilt-adjustable steering column provide driver comfort and there are six airbags. A 60:40 split folding rear seat allows rear luggage space up to 870 litres.

The Picanto 1 Air provides an option for those customers who want air conditioning.

Picanto 2 adds equipment such as Bluetooth connectivity, with voice recognition and full iPod control with USB & AUX ports – both of which can be operated by the steering wheel controls – and electrically operated, heated and folding door mirrors with integrated LED side repeaters. Air conditioning, rear electric windows, 14" alloy wheels, front fog lights, leather steering wheel and gear lever, alarm system, premium black upholstery and chrome exterior detailing complete the package.

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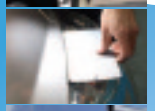
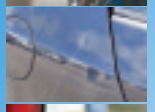

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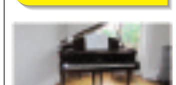

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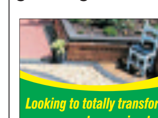

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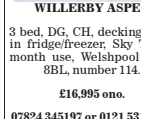

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Doors open 1pm.
Admission 20p.

SUMMER FATE
Smethwick Old Church
Saturday June 18th
In the vicarage garden, Church Road 2 - 4pm
Various stalls, Choir of Uplands Manor Primary School.
Admission 20p

SUMMER FAYRE
at the
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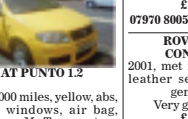

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THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF SANDWELL (PARK HILL, WEDNESBURY) (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) ORDER 2011

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Borough Council of Sandwell intends, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 14 and 15 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any vehicle from proceeding in Park Hill from its junction with Woden Road East to its junction with Coronation Road.
2. The alternative route for vehicles will be via Woden Road East, Crankhall Lane, Coronation Road and vice versa.
3. The purpose and reason for the Order is to facilitate works to the Park Hill river bridge.
4. The Order will take effect on 27th June 2011, and it is anticipated that the works may commence on that day. The works are expected to be completed on 16th September 2011. The Order may continue in force for a period not exceeding 18 months, or until the works in connection with the Order have been completed, whichever is the sooner.
5. Any queries about the works to take place should be directed to Freddy Yeung of Mott MacDonald Ltd on telephone number 0121 237 4000. Any queries about the effect of the order on traffic using the highway should be directed to Keith Sansom, Highways Services Manager, Environment House, Lombard Street, West Bromwich, B70 8RU (Telephone 0121 569 4149).

DATED this 16th day of June 2011

THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF SANDWELL (NEWTOWN LANE AND UPPER HIGH STREET, CRADLEY HEATH) (PROHIBITION OF LEFT TURN) ORDER 2011

The Borough Council of Sandwell in exercise of its powers under Sections 1 and 2 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers and in consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act of 1984, has made the following Order:

1. The Order will prohibit any vehicle making a left turn from Newtown Lane into Upper High Street, Cradley Heath.
2. The Order will provide that the prohibition specified in paragraph 1 does not apply:
   (a) in respect of anything done with the permission or at the direction of a Police Constable in uniform;
   (b) to anything done in accordance with any restriction or requirement indicated by traffic signs placed on the highway by West Midlands Police;
   (c) to a vehicle when being used by the Police, Fire Brigade or Ambulance Service.
3. A copy of the Order, including a map showing the road affected and a statement of reasons may be examined at the Director of Legal and Governance Services, Sandwell Council House, Freeth Street, Oldbury, West Midlands B69 3DE on Mondays to Fridays during normal office hours.
4. The Order was made on 9th June 2011 and shall come into operation on 22nd June 2011.
5. Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or of any provision contained in it on the ground that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 or on the ground that any requirement of the Act or that any Regulation made thereunder has not been complied with in relation to the Order, may within 6 weeks from the 9th June 2011 apply to the High Court for that purpose.

DATED 16th day of June 2011

NOTICE OF CONSULTATION IN RELATION TO PROPOSED SPEED REDUCTION MEASURES IN SCAFELL WAY AND SKIDDAW DRIVE, WEST BROMWICH

1. Notice is hereby given that the Borough Council of Sandwell proposes under Section 90A of the Highways Act 1980 to construct road humps and a speed table at those locations specified in the Schedules to this Notice for the purpose of reducing the speed of vehicles.
2. A copy of the map showing the location of the proposed road humps may be inspected at the offices of the Director of Legal and Governance Services, Sandwell Council House, Oldbury, West Midlands during normal working hours.
3. Any person wishing to object to the proposal should write to Mr Keith Sansom, Highways Services Manager, Environment House, Lombard Street, West Bromwich, West Midlands, B70 8RU stating the grounds of their objection by no later than 14th July 2011.

SCHEDULE OF FLAT TOP ROAD HUMPS

Road	Location	Length (m)	Width (m)	Height (mm)
Scafell Way	21.4m from junction of Church Lane	4.0	7.5	75
Scafell Way	74.8m from junction of Church Lane	4.6	7.5	75
Scafell Way	145.5m from junction of Church Lane	5.0	7.5	75
Scafell Way	193.3m from junction of Church Lane	4.6	7.5	75

SCHEDULE OF SPEED TABLE

Road	Location	Area (m^2)	Height (mm)
Scafell Way	At junction with Skiddaw Drive	185	75

DATED this 16th day of June 2011

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
PROPOSED ZEBRA CROSSING IN VICTORIA ROAD, TIPTON

1. Notice is hereby given that the Borough Council of Sandwell proposes under Section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to construct a Zebra Crossing in Victoria Road, Tipton which is situated in the vicinity of property nos. 105-109 (odds) Victoria Road.
2. A copy of the map showing full details of the proposed location of the crossing may be inspected at the offices of the Director of Legal and Governance Services, Sandwell Council House, Freeth Street, Oldbury, West Midlands B69 3DE during normal working hours.

Dated this 16th day of June 2011

THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF SANDWELL (SCAFELL WAY, SKIDDAW DRIVE, GREAT GABLE ROAD, BLENCATHRA DRIVE, HELVELLYN WAY AND BOWFELL WAY, WEST BROMWICH) (20 MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2011

The Borough Council of Sandwell in exercise of its powers under Section 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 intends, after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act, to make the following Order.

1. No person shall drive any vehicle at a speed exceeding 20 MPH on any of the lengths of road specified in the Schedule to this Notice.
2. The provisions of the Order shall not apply to any vehicle:
   on an occasion when it is being used for fire brigade, ambulance or police purposes, if the observance of that provision would be likely to hinder the use of the vehicle for the purpose for which it is being used on that occasion,
   or to a vehicle being used –
   a) for Serious Organised Crime Agency purposes, or
   b) for training persons to drive vehicles for use of Serious Organised Crime purposes
   However (except where it is being used for training the person by whom it is being driven) the exemption does not apply in relation to a vehicle unless it is being driven by a person who has been trained in driving vehicles at high speeds.
3. The order shall not apply to a vehicle if it is a vehicle used for naval military or air force purposes and that vehicle it is being driven by a person or a member of the armed forces of the Crown on an occasion when:-
   (a) the person driving the vehicle is a member of the special forces as defined in the Road Traffic Exemptions (Special Forces) (Variation and Amendment) Regulations 2011; and
   (b) the vehicle is being driven:-
      (i) in response, or for practice in responding, to a national security emergency by a person who has been trained in driving vehicles at high speeds; or
      (ii) for the purpose of training a person in driving vehicles at high speeds.
4. A copy of the draft Order, a Statement of Reasons for making the Order and a Map showing the roads affected may be inspected at the offices of the Director of Legal and Governance Services, Sandwell Council House, Freeth Street, Oldbury, West Midlands during normal office hours.
5. Any person wishing to object to the proposed Order may do so in writing to Mr Keith Sansom, Highways Services Manager, Environment House, Lombard Street, West Bromwich, West Midlands, B70 8RU or e-mail highways@sandwell.gov.uk specifying the grounds of their objection by 14th July 2011.

SCHEDULE
The entire lengths of Scafell Way, Skiddaw Drive, Great Gable Road, Blencathra Drive, Helvellyn Way and Bowfell Way, West Bromwich

DATED this 16th day of June 2011

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
PROPOSED ZEBRA CROSSING IN UPPER CHURCH LANE, TIPTON

1. Notice is hereby given that the Borough Council of Sandwell proposes under Section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to construct a Zebra Crossing in Upper Church Lane, Tipton which is situated approximately 135 metres from the roundabout junction with Alexandra Road.
2. A copy of the map showing full details of the proposed location of the crossing may be inspected at the offices of the Director of Legal and Governance Services, Sandwell Council House, Freeth Street, Oldbury, West Midlands B69 3DE during normal working hours.

Dated this 16th day of June 2011

THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF SANDWELL (BERTRAM ROAD, ST PAUL'S ROAD AND FENTON STREET, SMETHWICK) (TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER) 2011

The Borough Council of Sandwell in exercise of its powers under Sections 1 and 2 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers and in consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act of 1984 has made an Order, the effect of which will be to:

1. To extend no waiting at any time on the southern side of St Paul's Road from its junction with Bertram Road for a distance of 35 metres in an easterly direction.
2. To extend no loading or unloading between the hours of 7.00 am - 9.30 am and 4.30 pm - 7.00 pm on Mondays to Fridays (inclusive) on the southern side of St Paul's Road from its junction with Bertram Road for a distance of 35 metres in an easterly direction.
3. To introduce no loading between the hours of 7.00 am - 9.30 am and 4.30 pm - 7.00 pm on Mondays to Fridays on the east side of Fenton Street, Smethwick from its junction with St Paul's Road for a distance of 46 metres in a northerly direction
4. To extend no waiting at any time and no loading or unloading between the hours of 7.00 am - 9.30 am and 4.30 pm - 7.00 pm on Mondays to Fridays on the west side of Fenton Street, Smethwick to a point 29.5 metres from its junction with St Paul's Road in a northerly direction.
5. To reduce the extent of no waiting at any time and reduce the extent of no loading between the hours of 7.00am - 9.30am and 4.30pm - 7.00pm on Mondays to Fridays in the north side of St Paul's Road, Smethwick from the existing distance of 29 metres in a westerly direction from its junction with Fenton Street to a distance of 18.5 metres in a westerly direction from its junction with Fenton Street.

A copy of the Order, including a map showing the roads affected and a Statement of Reasons for making the Order, may be examined at the offices of the Director of Legal and Governance Services, Sandwell Council House, Freeth Street, Oldbury, West Midlands B69 3DE during normal working hours.

The Order was made on the 14th June 2011 and shall come into operation on 21st June 2011.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or of any provision contained in it on the ground that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 or on the ground that any requirement of the Act or that any Regulation made thereunder has not been complied with in relation to the Order, may within 6 weeks from the 14th June 2011 apply to the High Court for that purpose.

Dated this 16th day of June 2011

N SHARMA, Director of Legal and Governance Services, Sandwell Council House, Oldbury, West Midlands

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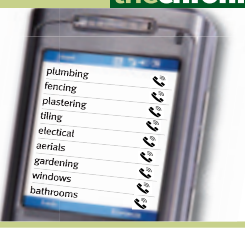

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Trainee teacher Elliot Browne who has been nominated for a trainee teacher award

Teacher up for award

A TRAINEE PE teacher at a Sandwell school is in the running for a top award.

Elliot Browne, who works at Bristnall Hall Technology College in Oldbury, has been put forward for the Robert Owen Group Co-operative Trainee Teacher Award.

Physical education teacher Mr Browne, who is also a former pupil of the Bristnall Hall Lane school, was nominated by his university tutor for the award.

Miss Phillipa Churm, assistant headteacher at Bristnall Hall, said: "When you are doing your teacher training your university tutors have to do observations.

"They have been so impressed with Elliot that he has been nominated for an award.

"He was a student here himself and a former head boy. He will also start a job as a newly qualified teacher here in September."

BIRMINGHAM LEAGUE CRICKET

Worcs pair too much for Smethwick to handle

WORCESTERSHIRE'S Moeen Ali struck a century as Wolverhampton took a winning draw from their clash with Smethwick.

Ali (110) and his New Road colleague Aneesh Kapil (50) helped Wolves to 292-5. Smethwick replied with 142-4.

Ateeq Javed (71) and Jeet Raval (60) were in the runs as West Bromwich Dartmouth posted 251 against Leamington. But Leamington took the winning draw as they made 160-1.

Himley closed the gap on Premier Division leaders Barnt Green after beating Wellington and the weather.

Stuart Wedge's side were the only top flight winners on a rain interrupted afternoon with their four-wicket victory moving them within four points of the leaders.

Richard Jones took 3-41 to help dismiss Wellington for 166 with Shafiq Ahmed's unbeaten 39 then steering Himley home.

Kidderminster held on for a losing draw against Shrewsbury.

Craig Wood (44) and Dan Pyke (41 not out) were the mainstays for Kidderminster as they finished on 174-9 in reply to Shrewsbury's 211-9 – Mark Mansell picking up 4-58.

Jack Manuel made 45 as Walsall staved off defeat at Moseley, finishing on 140-9 in reply to the home side's 207-8.

Division One promotion hopefuls Old Hill just fell short of vitory against Brockhampton.

Nigel Davenport (37) and Carl Whyte (32) made useful contributions as Old Hill scored 232-9.

Zafran Ali then bagged five wickets for Old Hill but Brockhampton hung on to finish on 192-9.

The weather saved Wombourne from probable defeat at Bromsgrove. Liam Hughes and Ian Walker struck half-centuries for Wombourne as they posted 241-7, but Bromsgrove were well placed on 174-3 when the rain came. Worcestershire's Alexei Kervezee made a rapid 81.

Australian Jake Lehman top-scored for Cannock as they had to settle for a losing draw at home to Ombersley in Division Two. Lehmann's 51 helped Cannock to 214-6 but Ombersley took the majority of the points as they replied with 206-8.

Fordhouses bagged a second successive victory following a tense seven-run win over Water Orton. An undefeated 74 from Ijaz Yousaf took Fordhouses to 176-9 before Surinder Sharma (4-45) shone with the ball as Water Orton were bowled out for 169.

A stunning individual performance from Chris Pearce powered Brewood to a comprehensive seven-wicket success against Coleshill in Division Three.

Pearce bagged 5-52 with the ball as Coleshill were dismissed for 178 and then struck an unbeaten 96 to guide his side home. The win left Brewood third in the table 11 points off top spot.

Weather

Penn were rolled out for 88 as they crashed to a 10-wicket defeat at the hands of leaders Barnards Green.

Lichfield had to settle for a winning draw from their clash with Handsworth. Chris Sarginson hit 47 in Lichfield's 217-9. Gareth James then grabbed four wickets for the visitors but Handsworth (184-9) hung on to deny them victory.

In another clash badly affected by the weather Wednesbury claimed a winning draw at Studley due to a faster run rate despite finishing on 109-8 in reply to the hosts' 175. Harish Patel took 5-33 for Wednesbury.

At a night golf event at the Lickey Hills Golf Club are, from left, Karolina Bareikaite, Luke Dabin, Cyrille Regis, Laura King and Amber Haktanir

Night golf session for Albion legend

WEST Bromwich Albion legend Cyrille Regis was in Birmingham to promote a new sport ahead of the official launch of a £32 million national scheme.

The former Baggies striker played night golf, a version of the game played under the cover of darkness with neon balls and special tape to map out the fairways.

The event at Lickey Hills Golf Club, Rose Hill, Rednal, was organised ahead of the official launch of Sportivate, a scheme to get teenagers and young adults involved in sport.

It will offer those who are not currently playing sport in their own time the chance to receive six to eight weeks of coaching in a sport of their choice. Thanks to £799,480 of lottery investment in Birmingham over the next four years, at least 7,496 people in the area will be able to take part.

Speaking at the event in Birmingham last week, Regis said: "It's great to see so many young adults participating in golf.

Alternative

"I love the idea that young adults have been given a sports-related alternative to clubbing.

"I'm sure night golf will help to change young people's perceptions and encourage them to take it up as a sport."

Get the rhythm

BIRMINGHAM Gymnastics and Martial Arts Centre (GMAC) will play host to the 2011 English Rhythmic Gymnastics Championships on Sunday.

With rhythmic gymnastics tickets being one of five sports to completely sell out for the London 2012 Olympics, organisers are hoping to see larger crowds at this weekend's competition.

Around 50 gymnasts from as far away as Manchester and St Helens in the north and Canterbury and Bath in the south will be competing.

Gymnasts perform short routines to music using apparatus such as ribbon, hoop, ball and rope.

Juniors

The youngest age category in the competition is under 11s, followed by under 12s, juniors and the senior category for gymnasts aged 16 and over.

GMAC is adjacent to Alexandra Stadium, off Walsall Road, Perry Barr.

The state-of-the-art facility is home to the City of Birmingham Gymnastics Club and will be used as a training base for the USA Olympic team next year.

The competition starts at 10am on Sunday, June 12, (doors open 9am).

Tickets are available on the door priced at £7.50 for adults and £5 for concessions.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Bulldogs work hard for victory over Outlaws

NOTTINGHAM OUTLAWS A 28 BIRMINGHAM BULLDOGS 60

BIRMINGHAM Bulldogs enjoyed a convincing win against Nottingham Outlaws A but the final scoreline did not fully indicate how hard they had to work against determined opponents.

There was a great start for Brum as, following a tap restart after a penalty, second-row Ryan Wickett caught the home defence flat-footed as he went over on the right for a try that was converted by scrum-half Louis Beatty. Within three minutes Notts were level as burly stand-off Phil Artley went over following a penalty award, scrum-half Jonny Bell goaled.

Bulldogs got back to business, as Parker's assist put hooker Adam Baldock (H Baldock, his brother was also in the side) over between the posts (goal Beatty). Then lively left-wing Andrew Tovey charged over on a power pla" after the fifth tackle. A Baldock's up-and-under was well gathered by Sankey who offloaded to centre Rob Chesner for a try goaled by Beatty.

Outlaws finished the half strongly with a try from centre Jack Want and a second for Artley to set up the second half nicely.

Straight from the kick-off, good handling sent Fensome haring down the right touchline and then the ball went infield where skipper and standoff Dean Morris went over for a Bulldogs' try goaled by Beatty.

Bulldogs now really hit their stride. A great break by Morris created a second try for Tovey (goal Beatty) then winger Tom McNamee broke clear in his own half and outpaced his pursuers to the line. The home defence failed to gather a cross-kick and right-wing Chris Fensome grabbed the chance to score in the corner.

Outlaws stuck to their task and two more tries from the irrepressible Artley, the second well goaled by Bell, cut the gap to 20 points.

But Brum once again reasserted themselves with tries from second-row Ed Lee, centre Juran Jones from an assist by Pearson, and second-row Ian Wilson following another fine break by Morris. Beatty goaled the last two to take the visitors' tally to 60. Outlaws posted the final score with an unconverted try.

Phil Artley was man of the match for Outlaws and Andrew Tovey took the honours for Birmingham, though plenty of others, not least Morris, were well in contention.

Bulldogs next fixture is against unbeaten Northampton Demons at Coventry University in next weekend's 'Midlands Magic' festival.

DERBY DRAGONS 30 BIRMINGHAM BULLDOGS U16S 20

The under-16s travelled to Derby on a day more suited to playing rugby union than rugby league. Dragons were first to score, quickly gaining two tries but failing to convert either. Bulldogs replied with Hurley scrambling over the line supported by Gorman. The conversion was an inch away from the upright.

Play continued back and forth until close to half time Lynch found the line and Sankey bounced the ball off the posts back onto the pitch.

At half time Bulldogs came out determined and were soon pushing the Dragon line but wet conditions prevented them from capitalising. Lloyd sneaked through to score and level the points. This time Sankey nailed the kick to take Bulldogs into the lead. It wasn't long before Dragons ran in another try. Bulldogs lifted their game and within minutes a great team move ended with a run down the wing by newcomer Chapman. Sankey duly converted.

A few poor decisions from both referee and players allowed Dragons to take the upper hand and establish a lead. But Bulldogs never gave up and on the cusp of the final whistle Hepburn caught a great ball on the wing to race towards the line but was tackled into touch by three players as the referee blew up for full- time.

Bulldogs Under-16s travel to Leicester for their fixture on Sunday.

Matt Hill from Sandwell Leisure Trust with netball players Tasha Robinson and Sarah Jones

Don't give up hoop

WOMEN interested in playing netball are invited to new sessions at Haden Hill Leisure Centre.

Sandwell Leisure Trust and Grasshoppers Netball club are launching netball sessions on a Tuesday evening from 6pm to 7pm at the centre in Barrs Road, Cradley Heath. The sessions are designed for people who may have played netball in the past and for complete beginners. Sessions involve coaching, skills practices and lots of playing time.

The first 15 places will be free and after those are taken, each session costs £3.20 or £1.60 for concessions. Booking is not necessary and players are welcome to turn up on the day.

Matt Hill from Sandwell Leisure Trust said: "Netball is a great way to keep fit."

For more information visit www.slt-leisure.co.uk or contact Matt Hill, on 0845 659 4815 select option 0 or call 07879 890252.

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

Rain can't stop Smith roaring ahead for Lions

ON Sunday on a cold and very, very wet afternoon two teams met to ride their tie in the British Team Championship, and both sets of riders deserved full praise for riding in the rain which fell all afternoon, and got worse as the match went on.

It was not an afternoon of great racing but it had its stars, Lewis Bates for Stoke showed again how happy he is on Sandwell's track.

Lee Smith, Sandwell Lions' young international, who is having a great season, showed that the rain could not stop him from scoring well.

Sandwell went through to the next round after winning by 93 points to 75.

Sandwell: Lee Smith 16, David Ball 15, Scott Millward 14, Matt Smith 14, Steve Brooks 11, Jim Palmer 11, Ricki Johnson 9, Luke Brookes 3. **Stoke:** Lewis Bates 20, Richard Harris 15, Errol Thaw 14, Leighton Bates 10, Simon Munden 10, Lance Bates 6.

Basketball back in Birmingham

BIRMINGHAM will have a team in the British Basketball League (BBL) from the start of the 2012/13 season.

The BBL stated that Oaks Consultancy, a sports marketing firm, have been awarded a franchise to run a team in the city.

Birmingham has staged top-level British basketball previously, with Birmingham Bullets going out of business in 2006 and Birmingham Panthers folding after competing in the 2007-08 season.

Secured

BBL chairman Paul Blake said: "We are delighted to have secured a new franchise in Birmingham.

"Birmingham is a basketball city and we have every confidence that the new franchise will develop into a significant player in UK basketball."

The new team's name will be announced this summer.

Keeping active with bowls at Tipton academy

ONE of Tipton's longest running bowls groups is looking for new participants to join them for a game.

The group hold weekly bowls session for all ages and abilities at Tipton Sports Academy on Wednesbury Oak Road.

Sessions take place on a Thursday from 10am until 12 noon, costing just £1.55.

Lisa Rashid, Physical Activity Officer for Sandwell Leisure Trust, explained that the sessions have been set up to encourage older people to become more active.

Age

"A lot of people don't realise that an activity such as bowls is considered as a form of physical activity and could add to their recommended 5 x 30 minutes of exercise per week. It's also a great way to meet new people and have fun!

"There is currently a group of participants who attend from Age Concern that really enjoy the session and combine physical activity with being social and meeting their friends".

For more information visit the website www.slt-leisure.co.uk or call Tipton Sports Academy on 0845 659 4815 and select option 5.

Lisa Rashid from Sandwell Leisure Trust (right) with members of the bowling group Kevin Nolan and Gini Lawrence

sport

Twilight tee-time for Cyrille – page 59

VILLA

Fans furious over McLeish link to top job

ASTON Villa fans this week vented their anger after speculation increased that Alex McLeish could be set to take the vacant manager's job after leaving bitter rivals Birmingham.

McLeish resigned at St Andrew's on Sunday and Blues' acting chairman Peter Pannu said that Villa have been in touch over their intention to speak to the Scot.

Internet message boards and micro-blogging site Twitter have gone into meltdown over the past 48 hours while a Facebook protest page entitled 'Villa Supporters – We don't want Alex McLeish' now has more than 10,000 supporters.

Fans are also demanding that the board break their silence and have arranged a protest at Villa Park.

Jonathan Fear, editor of fans' website Vital Villa, warned the board that they can expect a severe backlash if they appoint McLeish.

"With so many saying that they will protest, boycott or simply not renew their season tickets, the depth of feeling is very clear," said Fear.

"I'm not arrogant enough to tell them what to do but would hope they now realise the storm created and that many fans see this as the ultimate slap in the face on both sides of the city divide.

"I believe that this would be as stunning as a Celtic man going to Rangers or vice versa."

Owner Randy Lerner and chief executive Paul Faulkner were said to have got cold feet on Steve McClaren because of worries over the reaction of fans.

Risk

Editor of Heroes and Villains fanzine Dave Woodhall believes they are taking an even bigger risk with McLeish.

"Randy has built up a lot of goodwill with Villa fans since he arrived and it would be an absolutely massive gamble to appoint McLeish," said Woodhall.

"It is a decision which really defies belief and he risks jeopardising everything he has done at Villa, so hopefully he will think long and hard before reaching a decision."

If Villa continue with controversial plans to appoint McLeish it could cost them £5.4m as Blues threatened to report them to the Premier League.

Pannu is preparing to dig his heels in following McLeish's resignation and revealed his anger over the manner of the Scot's departure from St Andrew's.

Villa claim that McLeish is now a free agent after his resignation and confirmed their intentions to speak to the former Scotland manager, although Blues are threatening to put him on gardening leave unless they are fully compensated.

The ex-Glasgow Rangers boss signed a new three-year deal in September and Blues are determined his £5.4m release fee will be met, although it was agreed on a sliding scale and would drop to around £3m next month.

Pannu said: "I received an email from Aston Villa. As expected their legal department said, 'Now that Alex McLeish is a free agent, having resigned, we are free to speak to him'. This confirms all suspicions.

"The second-year compensation starts on July 1 and the urgency of this email coming from Aston Villa shows they can't even wait 15 days. So this is the urgency of the matter.

"I think it shows the whole world what this is all about. They can't wait, wouldn't wait.

"He thinks he can walk away because the £5.4m compensation is too much for Villa and he cannot let this opportunity pass. He is not willing to fork out £5.4m himself, even though if he goes to Villa he is likely to be on £2m a year.

"I will be getting an injunction preventing Villa from hiring him. Either Villa pick up his tab or I will be reporting it now to the Premier League."

Villa were unable to land either Wigan manager Roberto Martinez or ex-Chelsea boss Carlo Ancelotti while the club went cold on Mark Hughes and Rafael Benitez pulled out of discussions.

Welborn win

TIVIDALE light-middleweight Jason Welborn won his sixth pro fight at Walsall Town Hall earlier this month, taking his record to five wins and one loss.

He beat Lincoln's Rick Boulter on points 40-36.

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We can win a cup, insists winger

ALBION winger Jerome Thomas insists that the Baggies can emulate Birmingham's cup success next season – and combine it with Premier League survival.

The former Charlton wideman believes Roy Hodgson's men can match Blues' glory at Wembley in the Carling Cup final.

But he reckons they can do so while avoiding the 'second season syndrome' that saw Alex McLeish's men relegated from the Premier League on a tense final day of the campaign.

The Baggies reached the last eight of the Carling Cup before bowing out to Ipswich and watching Blues lift the trophy with a dramatic 2-1 victory over Arsenal at Wembley in February. And Thomas believes Hodgson's squad are capable of emulating Blues' success or that of FA Cup runners-up Stoke.

"We've seen Birmingham do it and we've seen how well Stoke have done since they were promoted," said Thomas.

Aim

"There is no way anyone can tell me those two teams are better than we are.

"Of course that's something we can aim for next season.

"With the influence Roy is having, his experience and hopefully some additions to the squad in the summer, it's definitely something we can push for – I'm looking forward to it."

And Thomas is confident Albion can avoid the pitfalls that saw Blues' cup joy turn to Premier League despair by repeating last season's mid-table success.

"I think with the influence Roy's had and his experience, plus the way the season has gone, with the right signings in the summer and a bit of luck next season we can definitely push to stay in mid-table for the season and not be in the relegation battle.

"Who knows? Maybe push even higher." said Thomas.

"It's been proved in past seasons that it's not always simply about the money.

"We've definitely performed and beaten some of the teams with multi-million pound players and lots of cash to spend.

"Those things give us confidence, and with a good pre-season I'm sure we can start off flying next year."

BLACK Country duo Stephen Hunt and Simon Cox played star roles as the Republic of Ireland claimed a famous victory over Italy in Liege last week.

Goal

Wolves winger Hunt impressed with an energetic performance in the friendly while Albion front-runner Cox bagged the second goal in the 2-0 success.

Blackburn's former Wolves midfielder Keith Andrews fired Giovanni Trapattoni's men in front, nine minutes before the break, when he drilled a low shot from Hunt's short free-kick.

Jerome Thomas – says Albion can push for midtable or even better

100m showdown in city

THE starter gun will sound on Birmingham's debut in the prestigious Diamond League athletics meeting on July 10 at the Alexander Stadium, bringing together the eagerly-anticipated 100m confrontation between Tyson Gay and the Jamaican Asafa Powell.

Powell, who held the 100m world record between 2005 and 2008, said: "Tyson and I enjoyed a great race against each other in Gateshead and I'm sure it will be the same at the Aviva Birmingham Grand Prix. I have only run in Birmingham once before but if it is like London I know there will be a lot of Jamaican fans coming to support us. Running in the UK always feels like being at home."

The stadium in Perry Barr will also host the country's best athletes in the AVIVA UK Trials and Championships between July 29 and 31 July, with London 2012 gold medal hopefuls Phillips Idowu and Jessica Ennis both expected to feature.

SPEEDWAY

Brummies hit by Kasprzak slump

PETERBOROUGH 53 BIRMINGHAM 41

BIRMINGHAM were again left frustratingly short of a point on their travels as they missed out at the East of England Showground on Monday.

Brummies went down by 12 on the night in what was a highly entertaining encounter but boss Graham Drury will be most concerned with the slump in form of No1 rider Krzysztof Kasprzak.

The Pole, who is the track record holder at Peterborough, could manage only two points from four rides, and with the Brummies only six short of taking an Elite League point from the meeting, the scorechart told the story.

The home side dominated the race wins thanks to Nicki Pedersen, Troy Batchelor and reserve Norbert Kosciuch, but it was a battling Brummies effort under the circumstances, with Daniel Nermark particularly impressive.

Brummies led in the early stages, just as in their previous visit last month, and only really lost ground when they conceded back-to-back 5-1s in Heats 10 and 11.

Key reserve Kosciuch was involved in the second of those, and he also beat Ben Barker when the Brummies star took a tactical ride in the next; whilst skipper Daniel King's attempt for double points was thwarted by Batchelor in Heat 14.

That left Brummies needing an unlikely 5-1 in the last race to salvage a point but it was never really on, although Nermark had the satisfaction of spoiling Pedersen's maximum with a good ride to hold back the Danish superstar for second place.

PETERBOROUGH 53: Nicki Pedersen 13, Troy Batchelor 13, Norbert Kosciuch 10+1, Linus Sundstrom 7+1, Krzysztof Buczkowski 7+1, Kacper Gomolski 3+2, Richard Lawson 0.

BIRMINGHAM 41: Daniel Nermark 12, Daniel King 9, Ben Barker 7, Claus Vissing 6+3, Ulrich Ostergaard 3+1, Krzysztof Kasprzak 2, James Wright 2.

LAKESIDE 63 BIRMINGHAM 29

Birmingham were eliminated from the Elite League Knockout Cup after their defeat at Lakeside on Friday.

The Brummies already faced an uphill task after losing the home leg at Perry Barr and they never troubled the Essex side on their own track and lost the tie 104-65 on aggregate.

Recent new recruit Ulrich Ostergaard top scored for the second night running with an 11-point score but the Dane got little support with James Wright and Claus Vissing next best with 5-apiece.

The Essex men raced into an 11-7 lead after three races and the 5-1 from Lee Richardson and Piotr Swiderski in Heat 6 more-or-less put the tie beyond Brummies' reach.

Heat 7 saw Ostergaard go for double-points and the Dane scored four-points as he finished behind race winner Swiderski. Danny King beat Robert Mear for third place and the ensuing 5-3 reduced the deficit to 27-17.

Another Hammers 5-1 followed in Heat 8, and Vissing and Wright then replied in the next race with a 4-2 over Kauko Nieminen.

But that was as close as they got all evening as Lakeside finished strongly with a barrage of 5-1s and they go through to the semi-final stage of the competition.

LAKESIDE 63: Lee Richardson 18, Piotr Swiderski 14+4, Stuart Robson 11+4, Kauko Nieminen 7+1, Peter Ljung 7, Robert Mear 6+1, Adam Shields R/R

BIRMINGHAM 29: Ulrich Ostergaard 11, Claus Vissing 5, James Wright 5, Daniel King 3+1, Krzysztof Kasprzak 3, Daniel Nermark 2, Joe Screen R/R

BIRMINGHAM 36 LAKESIDE 41

Brummies faced an uphill battle to continue in this season's Knockout Cup after a rain-curtailed defeat against Lakeside at Perry Barr.

The Hammers took a five-point lead into Friday's second leg at Purfleet after an impressive performance in a meeting where conditions became difficult after a downpour just after the halfway stage.

Brummies suffered an early setback when Kasprzak crashed on the first bend in the first race, and they struggled to contain the fast-starting of Lee Richardson and Piotr Swiderski, who also produced a spectacular dive between Kasprzak and Ostergaard in Heat 6.

Brummies, who missed the influence of Ben Barker, dropped 12 points behind after Heat 8 and as the rain came down Danny King's tactical ride was negated by Swiderski's third win of the night in the next race.

Conditions became tougher with race times more than six seconds off usual dry-weather pace but the home side did gain significant points back in Heat 12. That was when the returning Ostergaard and Claus Vissing combined for an 8-1 after the Hammers' Stuart Robson had come to grief.

That result shot Ostergaard to the top of the Brummies' scorechart, but it was also the end of racing for the night as although the rain had stopped the two sets of riders were in agreement that track conditions had become too dangerous to continue.

BIRMINGHAM 36: Ulrich Ostergaard 12, Daniel King 9, Daniel Nermark 7+2, Claus Vissing 3+1, James Wright 3, Krzystzof Kasprzak 2+2, Joe Screen r/r.

LAKESIDE 41: Lee Richardson 12, Piotr Swiderski 10, Peter Ljung 8, Stuart Robson 5+1, Kauko Nieminen 4+2, Robert Mear 2+1, Adam Shields r/r.

Brummies star Ben Barker has been named in the five-man Great Britain World Cup team. And teammate Daniel King is among the stand-by squad members.

Britain face world champions Poland, Russia and the Czech Republic at King's Lynn on July 11 with the winners going straight to the final in Gorzow, Poland five days later while the second and third-placed teams head for a run-off at Gorzow on July 14.

GB team: Chris Harris, Scott Nicholls, Tai Woffinden, Edward Kennett, Ben Barker. Squad members: Lewis Bridger, Simon Stead, Oliver Allen, Daniel King.

DUDLEY Heathens have agreed dates for their eagerly-awaited Knockout Cup semi-final showdown with local rivals Stoke.

The former Cradley club will travel to Loomer Road on Sunday, June 26 at 3pm for the first leg with the return at their adopted Wolverhampton home the following Tuesday, June 28, at 7.30.

It means a bumper few days of action for Heathens fans as they go to Newport on June 24 with the British Grand Prix at Cardiff on Saturday, June 25.

Heathens boss Will Pottinger said: "This will be a cracking cup tie, I'm sure of that.

"Stoke have been in fine form of late and they are going to make it very hard for us, but people said that about Belle Vue and look what we did to them!

"It's going to be a great few days for the fans and we are all looking forward to it."

The National League home meeting with Stoke will now take place on a date to be arranged.

FORMER Welsh Speedway rider Phil Morris is busily making plans for his Farewell Meeting at Birmingham on September 1.

Morris enjoyed a successful period in his career between 2007-2008 at the Midland track and the club's promotion have kindly agreed to stage the event at their Perry Barr Stadium.

The meeting will take the form of an Individual event featuring some of the sport's top stars, with additional heats featuring Under-21 riders and demonstration races from some of the rising Under-15 stars.

Donation

It will also be the first farewell or testimonial meeting where a rider has donated part of the proceeds to good causes.

Morris will be making a substantial donation to the Speedway Riders' Benevolent Fund and will also contribute towards the Under-15 development funds.

The popular Welshman, who was forced to retire from the sport through injury at the end of 2009, has been granted the Farewell Meeting by the sport's governing body (BSPA) and he is keen to support causes close to his heart.

Morris said: "The SRBF helped me several times when I was on the injury list, so I would like to help them out. I will also be doing something for the under-15 lads who I have been helping to develop since I joined the Team GB set up last season."

The first rider confirmed for the big night is Morris' former team-mate at Reading and Lakeside, Lee Richardson.

The Hammers skipper said: "I've known Phil for many years. He was an excellent team-mate and I am delighted to ride in his farewell meeting."

More top names and special travel deals from former clubs will be announced soon.

Fans can also sponsor riders and heats.

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Eighteen-year-old Shaun, from Dudley, is gaining practical training in the field of construction by working on site at the new Sandwell College in the centre of West Bromwich.

He has now progressed to a Level 2 Diploma in Carpentry and is delighted to be working on such an iconic building project so vital to the regeneration of the area. College builders Interserve are also working with Sandwell Council's 'Think Local' employment and training programme.

In our Ofsted report the Construction Inspector said: "New and developing partnerships with employers are bridging the gap between college and local industry."

Shaun (back row, third from right) with the construction team

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